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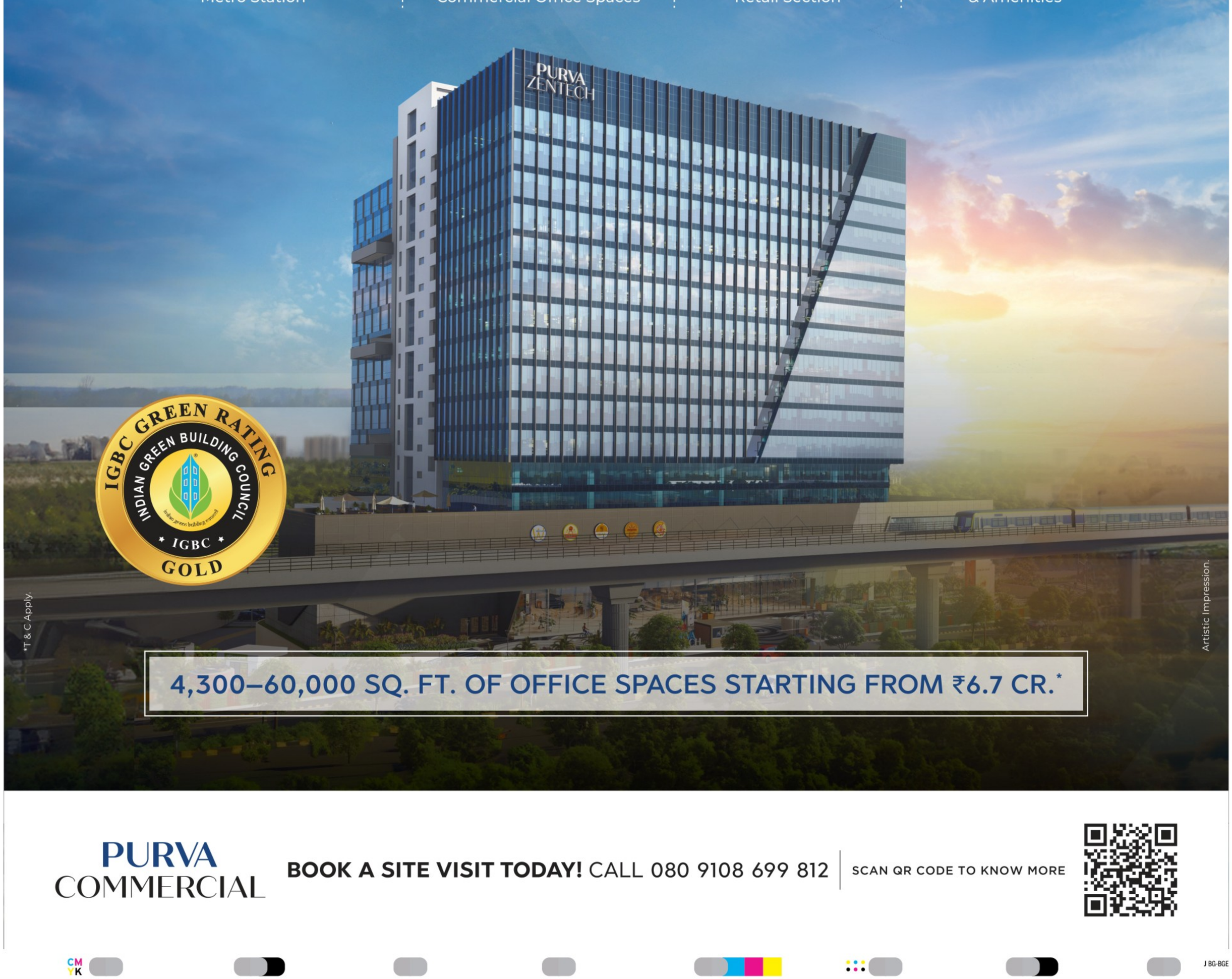

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At least 19 killed in Nepal protests; Sharma Oli govt. revokes social media ban

Sanjeev Satgainya
KATHMANDU

The police using water cannon on protesters during clashes outside the parliament building in Kathmandu on Monday. AP

At least 19 people were killed and over 300 injured in Nepal on Monday after protests erupted in cities across the country, triggered by a sweeping social media ban imposed by the K.P. Sharma Oli government. In Kathmandu, the police fired rubber bullets and live rounds at a demonstration. The government revoked the ban late at night.

Led by Nepal's tech-savvy "Gen Z" generation, thousands poured into the streets of Kathmandu and other major cities to protest "corruption, nepotism, and misgovernance" of the Oli government, following the ban on social media platforms imposed on Thursday.

Protesters rallied in Kathmandu, Pokhara, Butwal, Dharan, Ghorahi, Itahari, and elsewhere after the government cited failure to comply with Nepal's mandatory registration requirements to ban over two dozen platforms, including X, Instagram, Facebook, and WhatsApp. Free speech advocates had alleged the ban was an attempt to silence dissent.

A Cabinet meeting held in the evening decided to form an inquiry committee to investigate the day's events.

A statement released by Mr. Oli defended the social media ban and blamed "infiltrators" for the violence. He also expressed sorrow over the deaths during the protests.

Earlier, Home Minister Ramesh Lekhak resigned over the developments.

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Accept Aadhaar as identity proof, SC orders poll panel

Court asks EC to instruct Bihar officials to accept Aadhaar for filing claims or objections during special intensive revision of electoral rolls; they can verify authenticity of document submitted

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday directed the Election Commission to include Aadhaar as the 12th "indicative" document that those seeking inclusion or exclusion of names on the electoral rolls of Bihar could file as proof of identity during the special intensive revision.

A Bench of Justices Surya Kant and Joymalya Bagchi clarified that the use of Aadhaar would strictly be as proof of identity, and not as evidence of Indian citizenship.

The EC officials are entitled to verify the "authenticity and genuineness" of the Aadhaar submitted to them, just the way they would do in the case of the other 11 documents, the court noted in the order.

"Apart from passport and birth certificate, none of the remaining nine of the 11 documents you [EC] have listed for SIR are conclusive proof of citizenship. The petitioners are also agreeing that Aadhaar is not proof of citizenship. Statutorily also Aadhaar is not proof of citizenship. Then why can't you add Aadhaar too in the list? This court has asked you several times to consider Aadhaar... Why are you not?" Justice Bagchi asked the EC's counsel, senior advocate Rakesh Dwivedi.

The court ordered the EC to issue instructions to officials, from Electoral Registration Officers to booth-level officers (BLOs), working on the ground in poll-bound Bihar, to accept Aadhaar from persons filing claims or objections. Approximately 65 lakh voters, out of a total 7.89 crore in the State, were excluded from the draft rolls published on August 1.

The deadline for filing claims to include names and file objections to exclude names for reasons such as death, permanent shifting, and duplication, was September 1. The EC, on September 2, clarified that these were welcome even beyond the deadline.

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Go-ahead for Aadhaar

The Supreme Court has allowed the use of Aadhaar as proof of identity for special intensive revision of electoral rolls in Bihar

- The court takes note that despite its repeated directives, booth-level officers were refusing to accept Aadhaar
- It directs EC to publicise the order to inform voters that they can use Aadhaar
- Document should be used only as proof of identity or residence, and not as evidence of citizenship

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>
> JUSTICE JOYMALYA BAGCHI to EC

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Tension in Maddur town

MYSURU
Tension prevailed in Maddur town of Mandya district on Monday when a large crowd turned up for a protest march called by Sangh Parivar outfits. This comes a day after trouble erupted during the immersion of Ganesha idol when stones were pelted, inviting retaliation. » PAGE 6

Rain: 111 persons have died since April 1 in State

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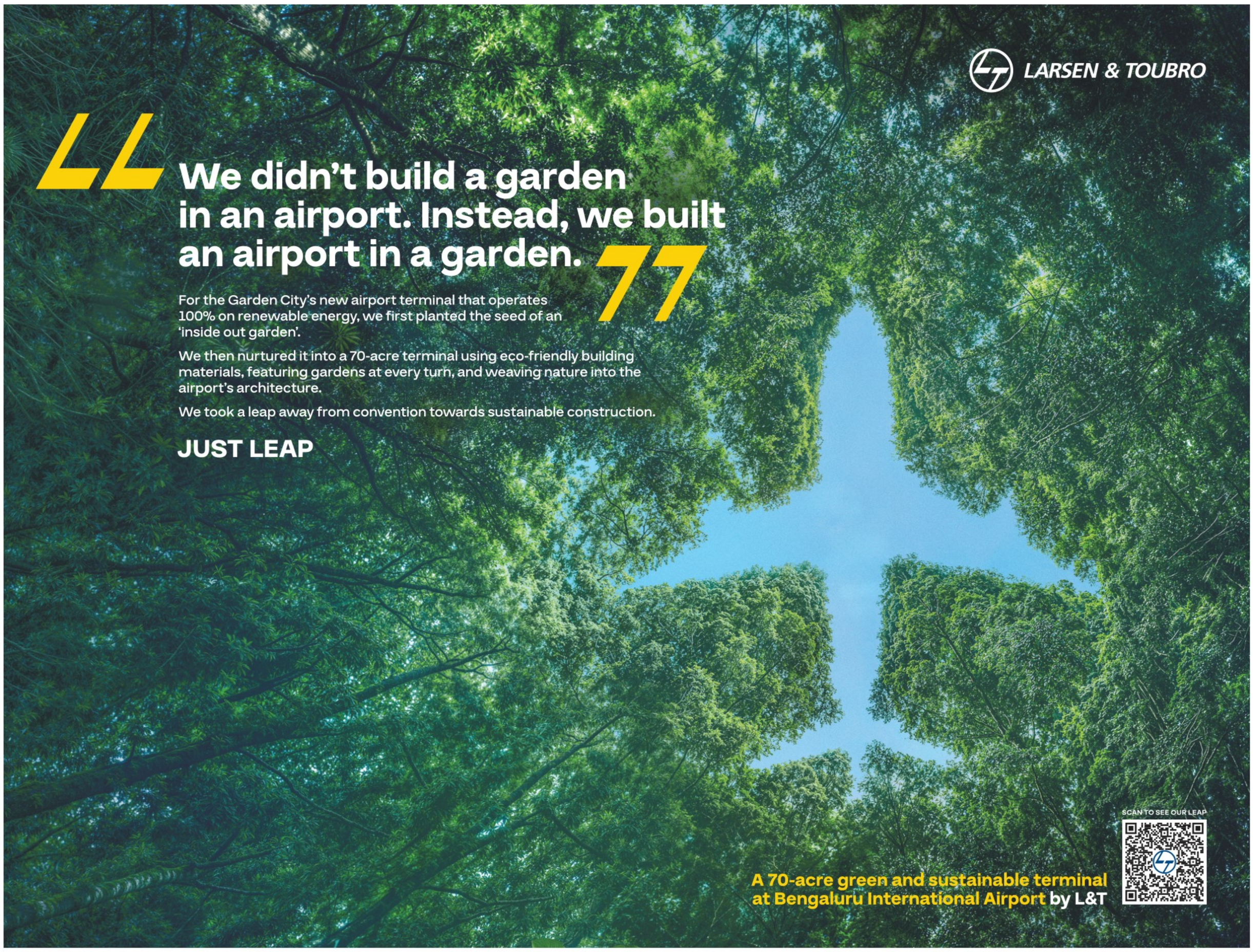
As many as 111 persons have lost their lives in rain-related incidents between April 1 and September 7, even as the government has estimated the compensation to be around ₹561 crore. » PAGE 7



FIH President bats for more engagement to resolve conflicts

Tayyab Ikram believes it is important for India & Pakistan to play each other but admits these are up to the governments, hails Asian teams for becoming competitive and seeks to make hockey more attractive for the viewers

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Uthra Ganesan
RAJGIR

India and Pakistan may have a tenuous relationship when it comes to sports but International Hockey Federation President Tayyab Ikram is convinced that sports is critical to finding a way out of conflicts.

"I think it is very important for the teams to play each other, it is important for every conflict in the world. Sport can unite. This is a decision taken by governments but you are playing now. I think it is important to play," he told *The Hindu* in a freewheeling, wide-ranging interaction on the sidelines of the Asia Cup here.

The Rajgir Sports Complex stands out amidst lush green farmland in the backdrop of the Rajgir Hills and Tayyab is impressed not just with the venue but also the spreading of hockey to previously uncharted regions.

"For me, in this tournament, we achieved not only a professional way of event organization but also bringing our events to places like Rajgir fulfils our responsibility and purpose of giving an opportunity to the community of Rajgir and Bihar. I think they have done very well.

"As part of our empowerment and engagement strategy, I brought two events to Poland, nobody thought the indoor World Cup could be played in Croatia. We had hockey 5s World Cup and Olympic qualifiers in Oman. We want to engage emerging nations, build trust for organising events and give the local community a chance to watch world class hockey. Same here. I only think that perhaps this stadium can be expanded just a little bit, not too much, where we can create an ambience. Today, what hockey needs is better presentation of our sport from the venue. A comfortable, close-in stadium can create a better deal."

Rise of more Asian nations

As the only Asian team among the top 10 in world hockey for a while now, India's superiority in the continent is a given but Tayyab believes others are putting in the effort to be competitive.

"I don't think there is a huge gap. Malaysia also had good preparation, maybe they played even more games than India to prepare. They had European visits, they played Australia, New Zealand, they defeated Korea. They are 12th here. Their government is giving them good support.

"But yes, if you play more competitive games in a very professional event like the Pro League, it is different from having training tours. So in that sense yes, India has an edge. Being in the Pro League, it is obvious that they are among the top nine teams and playing the whole year. And when they come down to play other Asian countries, I think they have a better chance. And coming back from Paris with the bronze medal, the general expectation is that India is a better team.

"But now things are changing in China also. I was part of the discussions with their top authorities and my selling point was professionalism, especially in their coaching staff. They brought in some good, professional coaches for the women and now they brought in for men also. I tried my best for the government to be convinced because they work differently in China.

"Normally, our systematic growth model says that you develop, you grow, then you go for results. But the high performance system that China has had is result first, then you grow. I spent all my life there, they start with results and then they invest. And it is working. Frankly, today you need a few hundred hockey players in a high performance centre and you can have two good teams. Of course, you cannot ignore grassroots development and mass participation, you need to do that as well as a responsible federation," he explained.

About Pakistan's imminent return to top-tier hockey through the Pro League, Tayyab conceded that finances were a big part of development in modern sport but was optimistic that Pakistan would do better this time around. Incidentally, Pakistan was among the nations to be invited to the Pro League when it was first conceptualised, only to pull out citing monetary issues.

"I have been working closely with them, like I have with many other federations. I have been working long to make them realise how important the Pro League is and that they need to have a serious approach to it.

"But they need to manage the grants and finances. One important thing to acknowledge is that today, world hockey or any other sport, high performance is the key with a much stronger professional and financial model. If you don't have strong financials, you are nowhere.

"Today, it's a huge investment for high performance. Korea is still struggling with their finances, Japan is still struggling but they have governments supporting them, which helps. But I am sure that Pakistan, the way they qualified after the Nations Cup, is very determined to play at the World Cup."

More sustainable HIL model

With questions being raised over the future of Hockey India League and doubts around foreign players' participation, specially those from Europe, Tayyab was clear that while he had no official information about the same, he would understand that things could get difficult in a World Cup year.

"I have not received any official information on players being stopped by their federations. If anybody can give me a formal information received then we can see about it. I have had talks with many European federations and they have all been very positive and excited about the HIL. Yes, certain years can be challenging, like the World Cup. I am not sure of the numbers but I think only 12 of the 56 players retained for this year are not coming so it is not an embargo from anyone.

"I also met the franchises here, they asked me questions about the global calendar, told me about their concerns, which I was there to explain. For me, it is good that the private sector is coming into hockey. I am proud of what I did to give a window for this league. It is almost an embargo for world hockey for that time. I think that is far more important," he said.

At the same time, while he refused to get into the financial details, he suggested that Hockey India broaden its horizons and figure out a more sustainable model for long-term success. "I think Hockey India also needs to re-look at a more sustainable model, which I think they are doing so that's fine. They need to look at a broader base, look both up and down, not restrict themselves to very few countries. If somebody tells me that the best players in the world are only from the top 5-6 teams, then that's not true.

"(Sadio) Mane comes from Senegal, (Mohd.) Salah is from Egypt. Good players are all over the world, you need to broaden your vision. If you restrict yourself to certain countries who are involved in a very similar calendar, then if something happens to the calendar, it will have a cascading effect."

A big reason for 29 players - 21 men and eight women - pulling out of HIL last year was a perceptive lack of financial gains. It is a topic that has repeatedly been raised – ₹4 crore for men and ₹2 crore cap for women's teams is considered way too low - but the onus lies on Hockey India and the franchises with FIH having no say in it. "Yes, money is important. I don't know the details but anything that we can do to make it a more sustainable model needs to be considered," he reiterated.

Tayyab is also clear that unlike football, the hockey World Cup will remain a 16 team event for the near future. "We're not ready to expand, we'll stick to 16 teams for at least the next 3-4 years. I am happy with 16".

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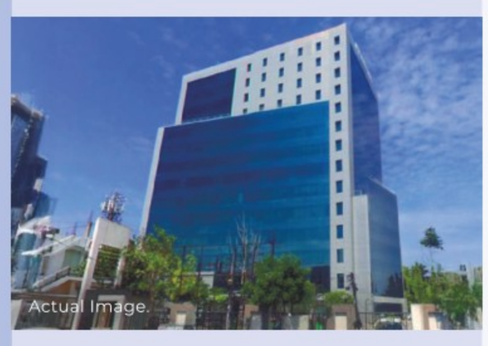

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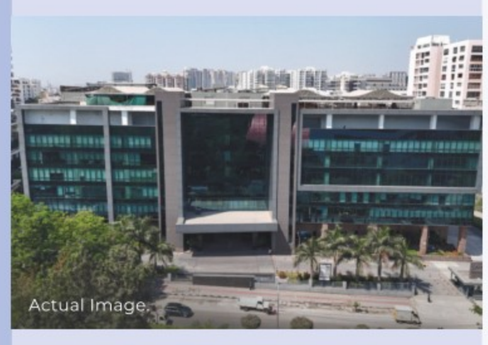

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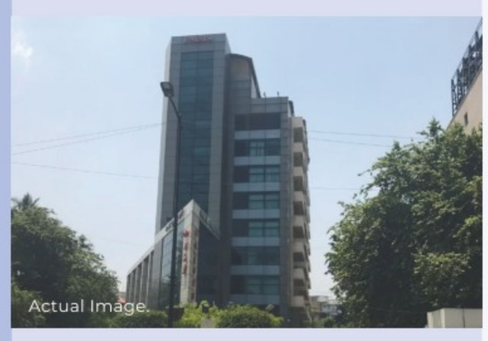

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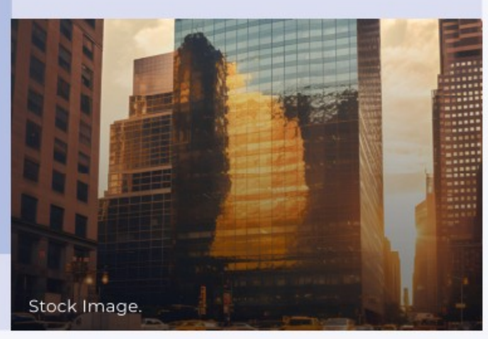

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Blue Line of Namma Metro scheduled for completion by Dec. 2027

According to BMRCL, once completed, it will form a 58.19-km uninterrupted corridor connecting Silk Board Junction with the airport via K.R. Pura

Work on Namma Metro Blue Line is under progress on Ballari Road, near Jakkur; of the 58.19-km stretch, 19.75 km falls under Phase 2A, while 38.44-km airport link forms Phase 2B. SUDHAKARA JAIN

Darshan Devaiah B.P.
BENGALURU

The long-anticipated Blue Line of Namma Metro, officially known as the ORR-Airport Metro Line, is progressing steadily and is now scheduled for completion by December 2027. The line is divided into two key sections—Phase 2A, which runs from Central Silk Board to Krishnarajapuram (K.R. Pura), and Phase 2B, which extends from K.R. Pura to Kempegowda International Airport (KIA).

According to the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL), once completed, the Blue Line will form a 58.19-km uninterrupted corridor connecting Silk Board Junction in the south with the airport in the north via K.R. Pura. Of the total stretch, 19.75 km falls under Phase 2A, while the 38.44-km airport link forms Phase 2B. As of June 30, 2025, officials confirmed that overall physical progress stood at 52.5%.

Tracking Namma Metro

A senior BMRCL official said that the construction on the K.R. Pura-Airport section had gained speed now after facing a nine-month suspension in 2023, following an accident at HBR Layout.

"The two metro stations being built within the airport premises are also advancing well. The Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL) is developing these stations according to its own design plan. The Airport City station will be built at ground level, whereas the Airport Terminal station will be a semi-underground facility, positioned seven to eight metres below the surface," the official said. The Blue Line will also introduce driverless trains equipped with dedicated luggage racks and enhanced safety mechanisms, specifically catering to air travellers.

Decade-long journey

The project's journey began nearly a decade ago. The detailed project report (DPR) for the Central Silk Board-K.R. Pura stretch was prepared by the BMRCL and submitted to the State government in October 2016. This Phase 2A proposal received Cabinet approval in March 2017. Similarly, the DPR for the Airport Line was finalised in September 2017 and secured government clearance in January 2019. The combined project cost of Phase 2A and 2B has been estimated at ₹14,788 crore. Recently, newly appointed BMRCL Managing Director J. Ravishankar inspected the ongoing works along the airport stretch between KIA and Hebbal. His review covered viaduct construction, station development, and depot works at Shettigere. He also assessed crucial high-priority points such as railway crossings and cut-and-cover structures near the Indian Air Force premises.

"During the inspection, Mr. Ravishankar instructed engineers and contractors to strictly adhere to deadlines and ensure delivery of modern infrastructure with safety as the top priority," an official said.

Once operational, the 58.19-km Blue Line will link Bengaluru's southern, southeastern, eastern, and northern neighbourhoods directly to the airport, significantly improving connectivity across the city, according to the BMRCL officials. *(This is the second part in the series on the status of the ongoing works of Namma Metro).*

Yellow Line to induct fourth train set by end of the week

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The commuters of the Yellow Line of Namma Metro, which has been grappling with overcrowding due to the limited availability of trains, are likely to get relief soon.

The Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) is planning a fourth train set, currently undergoing trials, to be pressed into commercial operations by the end of the week.

The train arrived at the Hebbagodi depot on August 12 from the manufacturing unit of Titagarh Rail Systems Limited in Kolkata. "The new train set is being tested for seamless operation with the existing signalling, telecommunication, and power supply systems," a BMRCL official explained.

The Yellow Line was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on August 10 and opened for public the next day.

However, services began with only three trains, resulting in long intervals of over 25 minutes between trips. This limited availability has resulted in passengers facing heavy crowds in the stations. "The addition of a fourth train is expected to marginally reduce waiting time, but a larger fleet will be necessary to achieve the desired frequency like the existing purple and green lines," the official added.

The 18.82-km Yellow Line connects R.V. Road in south Bengaluru to Bommasandra, linking residential areas and the bustling Electronics City industrial hub.

On August 11, a day after the Yellow Line began operations, the Namma Metro recorded its highest-ever daily ridership, with 10.48 lakh passenger boardings across all operational lines.

Woman convicted of murdering her six-year-old nephew

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Third District and Sessions Court on Friday convicted a 37-year-old labourer and sentenced her to a life imprisonment of killing her six-year-old nephew and burying the body at a mango grove in December 2023, over a grudge against her elder sister, who was the victim's mother, in Muttakadahalli village in the Gudibande Police Station limits.

The woman, identified as Ambika, kidnapped her eight-year-old niece and brought her to Bengaluru to drop her in an orphanage. However, the driver of the autorickshaw they had boarded overheard Ambika's conversation and took her to the Cubbon Park Police Station before handing her over to the police, which led to the revelation of the murder. Ambika was deserted by her husband a few months after their marriage following which she came to her elder sister Anitha's house seeking shelter. Anitha, 42, lived with her husband Vishwanath, along with their two children – Manushri, 8, and Madhu, 6.

Agitated with Ambika's behaviour, Anitha expressed her displeasure to her sister, and even warned of ousting her from the house.

On November 30, 2023, Anitha's children had gone to school and returned home early while their parents were still out for work. Ambika, on the pretext of buying them snacks, took them to a nearby mango grove near Hirenagawali cross, and bludgeoned Madhu to death. She later dug a pit and buried the dead body, before coming to Bengaluru with Manushri with the plan of dropping her at an orphanage.

The Cubbon Park Police, after receiving the initial details of the case, alerted the Gudibande Police. By then, Anitha had reported her children missing. Following this, the Gudibande inspector Nayaz Baig rushed to the Cubbon Park Police Station, detained Ambika, and rescued Manushri.

The police questioned Ambika about Madhu. Initially, she feigned ignorance but later confessed to the crime. Based on the information, the police reached the secene of crime, exhumed the body, and sent it for the post-mortem. Manushri also deposed before the court, which turned out to be a crucial evidence for the conviction.

A sea of humanity

Pious followers: Devotees participating in the chariot procession as part of St. Mary's feast at St. Mary's Basilica at Shivajinagar in Bangalore on Monday. SUDHAKARA JAIN

City airport gets another hoax bomb threat mail

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Airport Police have registered another case against an unknown person for sending a hoax email to the manager of the Kempegowda International Airport threatening to blow up the airport using Improvised Explosive Devices on Saturday.

Based on a complaint by Ruban Raj, Deputy Terminal Manager, Terminal 2 of Bangalore International Airport Limited, the police registered an FIR on Sunday. This is the third such hoax call the airport has received in a month, a police officer said.

Woman from Bangladesh rescued from prostitution racket

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In a case of international human trafficking, a 30-year-old woman from Bangladesh, who was trafficked into the city for prostitution, escaped and landed at the Hulimavu police station seeking help on Sunday.

The victim was in a semi-conscious state and approached a traffic policeman on duty seeking help. The policeman alerted his counterparts who took her to the station and upon inquiry, she revealed the details. The victim told the police that she was lured by a gang promising a decent job and was brought to the city from Dhaka along with several others.

The job offered was as a staff at a beauty parlour for a salary of ₹15,000 to ₹20,000 a month. However, after landing at a house in HSR Layout, she realised she was in the wrong place.

Sedated by abducters

The victim told the police that the accused sedated her and sent her along with two men in a car.

She was taken to an isolated place on Bannerghatta Road and while the accused were drinking alcohol, the victim gained conscious and managed to run away.

She reached the main road and ran towards a policeman whom she saw on the road and sought his help. The victim said she was married and has two children and requested the police to send her home.

The police have now handed over the victim to a city-based NGO and are counselling for further deportation process.

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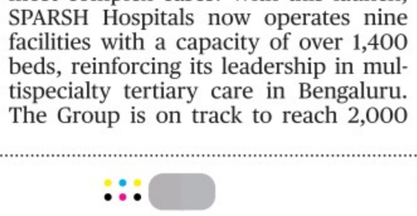


Mahaswamiji of Suttur Math, along with esteemed dignitaries Shri. SS Mallikarjun, Minister of Mines & Geology and Horticulture, Government of Karnataka; Shri. Basava Prabhu S. Patil, Senior Advocate and Advocate General of Sikkim; Justice Shivaraj V. Patil, Former Judge of the Supreme Court of India, Dr. Shamanur Shivashankarappa, MLA, Davanagere South, and senior experts, facility heads of SPARSH Hospitals. Speaking at the inauguration ceremony Dr. Sharan Shivaraj Patil, Chairman, SPARSH Group of Hospitals, said, "Bengaluru has the potential to become the Healthcare Capital of India. Just as the city played a pioneering role in driving India's IT revolution, it can now lead the way in making India a global healthcare leader within the next decade." "With this new facility, we aim to benefit the community at large. What sets the Sarjapur unit apart is its ability to manage highly complex medical conditions across multiple specialties," added Mr. Jasdeep Singh, Group CEO, SPARSH Group of Hospitals. The hospital is equipped with dedicated ICU beds, specialized NICU and PICU units, and advanced diagnostics including MRI, CT, Cath Lab, EEG, sleep study, and interventional radiology. Seamless integration between emergency response, intensive care, and advanced surgical facilities ensures timely, coordinated intervention for even the most complex cases. With this launch, SPARSH Hospitals now operates nine facilities with a capacity of over 1,400 beds, reinforcing its leadership in multispecialty tertiary care in Bengaluru. The Group is on track to reach 2,000 beds within the next three years, backed by its long-term investments in innovation and research.

HAL Hosts 'Tejasvi' National Women's Conference Championing Women's Leadership"

The Forum of Women in Public Sector - HAL in collaboration with the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (B) Families Welfare Association organised the first-ever National Women's Conference 'Tejasvi,' on the theme "Women Who Create Radiance at Home and in the Workplace," at HAL Management Academy today. The event celebrated the multifaceted role women play across personal and professional spheres. Ms. Manisha Chandra, IAS, Joint Secretary (Aero), Department of Defence Production, Ministry of Defence, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. In her keynote address, Ms. Chandra congratulated HAL for its role in the nation's progress. She highlighted the role of women at home and in the workplace and described women as Radiant, Authentic, Dedicated, Intelligent, Adaptable, Nurturing, Creative and Empathetic (RADIANCE). During the event, a special Golden Jubilee Postal Cover was released to mark HAL (B) Families Welfare Association's 50 years of welfare work in Bengaluru and nearby areas in the presence of Dr Shubha Sunil, Chief

Patron, HAL (B) Families Welfare Association. Eminent speakers, including PadmaShri Awardee Dr. Vijayalakshmi Deshmane, Oncologist and Surgeon; Dr. Bhavani Rao, Dean of Amrita Vishwapeetam and UNESCO Chair on Gender Equality and Women's empowerment and Ms. Satyabhama Gupta, Partner at Gupta Nayar & Co., shared their personal experiences and professional journey by providing insights on leadership, wellbeing of women and resilience, sustainable finance and work-life balance. Over 350 women delegates from HAL, Central defence establishments and other CPSEs across India participated in the event, which featured insightful and interactive sessions and networking opportunities for the transformation of organisation, families and societies.

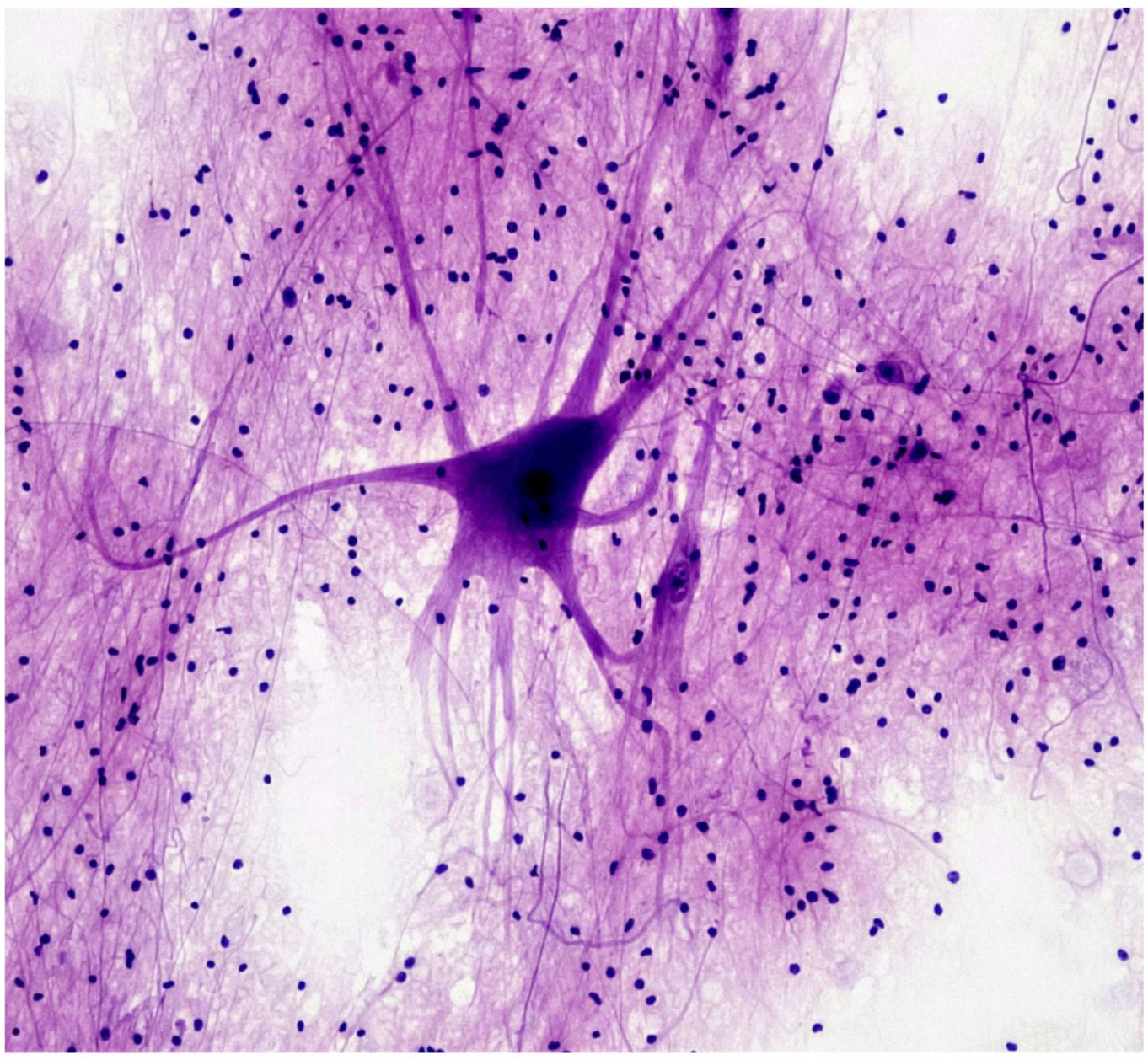
Are new neurons born in the adult human brain? Study revives debate

Amid a morass of conflicting studies, new research by the Karolinska Institutet in Stockholm has provided further evidence of adult neurogenesis using modern sequencing and machine-learning, infusing new life into a long-standing debate with important scientific and practical implications

Sheetal Potdar

You were probably taught in high school that new neurons, or brain cells, are not born during adulthood. That it stops during your childhood. The actual picture has been more complicated: scientists have been debating among themselves for a long time as to when neurogenesis stops, although most of them believed it was possible in adulthood.

A new study in *Science* now promises to kick this dust up all over again: it has reported evidence of neural progenitor cells and young neurons – which are the intermediate stages of cellular development – in the hippocampus, the memory centre of adult human brains.



The evidence for adult neurogenesis in human brains has been inconsistent. BIOSCIENCE IMAGE LIBRARY/FAYETTE REYNOLDS

Promise and scrutiny

"Historically, the brain was considered a non-regenerative organ," Prem Tripathi, a senior scientist who studies neurogenesis at the CSIR-Indian Institute of Chemical Biology in Kolkata, said. "However, in 1998, a pioneering study provided the first direct evidence that new neurons could be generated in the hippocampus in adults, suggesting a regenerative potential in the adult brain."

This finding opened the door for exciting possibilities for regenerative therapies, particularly in ageing individuals suffering from neurodegenerative diseases like Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, and other dementias.

The promise of regenerative therapies also brought more scientific scrutiny, however. The 1998 study had used brain samples of individuals suffering from brain cancers, prompting experts to question whether neurons in adulthood were being born due to the tumours.

"The other criticism was that they showed this in a small sample size, only in five individuals,", Navneet Vasistha, an assistant professor who studies neurogenesis at the University of Copenhagen, said.

Even as doubt lingered over whether neurogenesis occurred in the human adult hippocampus, many research groups showed that neurogenesis did occur in the adult brains of mice, rats, and even monkeys.

"Importantly, these studies identified several critical functions of adult-born neurons in the hippocampus," Hiyaa Ghosh, associate professor of neurobiology at the National Centre for Biological Sciences, Bengaluru, said. This included "the ability to distinguish between very similar contexts, the ability to rewrite memories, and stress resilience."

These processes are all mediated by neural circuits in the dentate gyrus of the hippocampus, which is where new neurons are thought to be continually generated throughout life.

Yet the evidence for adult neurogenesis in human brains has been inconsistent. One study from a group at the University of California in San Francisco found that while new neurons were born in the infant hippocampus, their numbers declined sharply within the first year of life. Another group replicated these findings independently, lending support to the idea that neurogenesis stops after infancy.

At single-cell resolution

Amid this morass of conflicting studies, the new study – from researchers at the Karolinska Institutet in Stockholm – provides further evidence for adult neurogenesis using modern sequencing and machine-learning methods.

The researchers isolated more than 400,000 neurons from the hippocampal region of post-mortem brain samples from (deceased) individuals aged less than a year to 78 years. Then they analysed them using a technique called single nuclei RNA sequencing, which provides a near-complete signature of genes that are expressed (or turned on) in each cell.

This allowed the team to monitor hundreds of markers in cells simultaneously, including those specific to cells that divided regularly. They trained a machine-learning algorithm to recognise these markers using RNA sequencing data from hippocampal samples younger than five years old, when neurogenesis is well-documented to occur.

"What we know from mouse models is that, typically, there are stem cells that every now and then get activated and proliferate to produce more intermediate progenitors, which also divide extensively," Ionut Dumitru, one of the first authors of the study and a research specialist at Karolinska, said. "Those that survive become what we call neuroblasts – very young neurons."

In the study, the team was able to identify all three types of intermediate neuronal stages – neural stem cells, neural progenitors, and neuroblasts – using the machine learning algorithm even in adolescent and adult brain samples.

"One of the key strengths of this study is in combining transcriptomics with spatial localisation," Tripathi said.

The authors also used advanced techniques called RNAscope and Xenium to doubly confirm that RNA signatures belonged to progenitor cells within the dentate gyrus.

Ghosh added that "inclusion of a broad age range also strengthened their observations, demonstrating that neural progenitor cells can be detected throughout the human lifespan."

Both Tripathi and Ghosh also agreed that the RNA signature similarities between human and rodent progenitors supported the idea that adult neurogenesis is a conserved feature in mammals – meaning mammals don't lose this ability in the course of evolution.

Yet scepticism lingers

Not everyone is convinced, of course.

For example, Vasistha expressed concern that the authors relied on RNA signatures, which may not indicate functional relevance. According to the central dogma of molecular biology, DNA is transcribed into RNA, which is then translated into proteins, which finally perform cellular functions. So detecting RNA alone, Vasistha contended, doesn't prove that a gene is actively producing a functional protein.

"They could be remnants from the cell's history, persisting in the cell or in the daughter cell," he said.

Instead, Vasistha continued, using antibody-based staining methods to label the marker proteins directly would have been more convincing. This is the same method that the two papers that couldn't detect young neurons in the adult hippocampi used.

While this method is often considered the gold standard to address whether a cell has a certain protein, it is also restrictive. Since the method is based on the ability to distinguish between fluorescent dyes, only four markers can be labelled simultaneously, as opposed to hundreds or more in the RNA sequencing method.

Marta Paterlini, a researcher at the Karolinska Institutet and the other first author of this study, argued the same thing: that the team "wanted to move away from this restrictive antibody-based labelling method."

I tried so many different antibodies, but they all gave different results," she added.

This is to say, while the authors interpreted the variable antibody-based staining results as a limitation of the technique, others like Vasishtha remain cautious and question the identification and presence of neural progenitor cells. Another point of contention, with which Tripathi and Ghosh agreed as well, is that the number of neural progenitor cells is highly variable between individuals. The authors of the study attributed this to two reasons, technical and biological.

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> **NAVNEET VASISTHA**
> ASSISTANT PROFESSOR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF COPENHAGEN

"We never claimed our result to be quantitative," Paterlini said. "We cannot tell exact numbers, but we can tell for sure that the neuroblast and neural progenitor cells are there in the adult hippocampus."

"Sometimes the techniques we use work well for some samples but not as well for others," Dumitru added, highlighting the technical variability despite the team's best efforts.

The biological variation, they have further argued, stems from inherent genetic differences in the humans from whom the samples were obtained.

"The human samples are so incredibly different from each other genetically," he added.

"In contrast, mouse models involve genetically similar individuals, which naturally reduces inter-individual variation." This variation can also be attributed to environmental and lifestyle differences.

"For example, physical activity increases neural progenitor cell proliferation, while chronic stress or social isolation reduces neurogenesis," Ghosh said. "So two healthy individuals could show markedly different levels of neurogenesis based on such influences." She also noted that including comprehensive metadata like stress levels, exercise habits, and psychological state could enrich future postmortem studies.

A call for consensus

After 27 years of intense debate and speculation, Dumitru and Paterlini are ready to move on.

"Initially, sceptics would say 'no neurogenesis, full stop.' But now, with new papers showing that there are progenitors, it's shifted to 'okay, there is neurogenesis, but very few neurons are born in adults, right?'" Dumitru said of the shifting trend.

Vasistha remains unconvinced. He called upon the neurogenesis field as a whole to arrive at a consensus on the markers that scientists would have to use to identify neural progenitor cells, to standardise the protocols used for postmortem sample preparation, and to establish a robust validation framework based on RNA and protein detection for adult neurogenesis.

All things considered, experts in the field agree the methodological differences seem to be the root cause of discrepancies across different studies.

Adult neurogenesis is important in the hippocampus because it can explain how the hippocampus can perform critical memory-related functions. For example, some scientists have hypothesised that the dentate gyrus consists of a mixture of mature and immature neurons.

"The hippocampal circuitry appears to rely on this unique property – maintaining a mixed population of highly excitable young neurons and sparsely firing mature neurons – to optimise processing," Ghosh said.

This dynamic composition in this region can account for plastic responses, i.e., flexibility in responses to similar situations, such as when you need to distinguish between where you parked the car yesterday versus where you parked today.

From a clinical point of view, Vasistha said, "We currently don't have any good therapies for dementia or for other kinds of cognitive impairment. So if somebody can uncover a mechanism by which you can boost the amount of neurogenesis, that would give people back some level of memory retention and cognitive ability, so they regain some dignity in their old age."

Dumitru added that "it is much easier and way more elegant to encourage locally present neural progenitor cells to produce the neurons that are needed, rather than transplant externally differentiated stem cells, which can be an invasive and risky procedure."

However, these regenerative therapies are a long way away. Before clinical applications can be designed, many fundamental questions persist.

For the group from Karolinska, the first step is to understand more about the adult-born neurons like their function, number, and distribution.

"To kill the debate, we must show the specifics," Dumitru added.

The team is also examining other areas in the adult brain where neurogenesis may occur, which could launch yet another spirited debate.

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Frederic Pechier at the Besancon courthouse on March 8, 2023. AFP

Trial of French doc accused of poisoning 30 patients begins

Agence France Presse

Frederic Pechier, a French doctor accused of intentionally poisoning 30 child and adult patients, 12 of whom died, went on trial on Monday, saying before the hearing he was not responsible for the "distress" of his alleged victims and their families.

Mr. Pechier, 53, worked as an anaesthetist at two clinics in Besancon when patients went into cardiac arrest in suspicious circumstances between 2008 to 2017. Twelve could not be resuscitated.

He is accused of triggering heart attacks in patients so he could show off his resuscitation skills and discredit co-workers. Mr. Pechier's youngest alleged victim, a four-year-old identified as Teddy, survived two cardiac arrests during a routine tonsil operation in 2016. The doctor's oldest alleged victim was 89.

The trial caps an eight-year investigation that stunned the medical community. The doctor has denied the charges. Mr. Pechier, a father of three, faces life imprisonment if convicted. He is not currently in custody but under judicial supervision, an alternative to pre-trial detention. Mr. Pechier has not practised medicine since 2017, even though in 2023, he was authorised to work provided he does not come into contact with patients.

"I've been waiting for this for 17 years," said Amandine Iehlen, whose 53-year-old father died of cardiac arrest during kidney surgery in 2008. An autopsy revealed an overdose of lidocaine, a local anaesthetic.

Prosecutor Etienne Manteaux has said the case is "unprecedented in French legal history".

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An investigation was opened in 2017 after suspicious cardiac arrests during operations on patients considered low-risk. He is suspected of tampering with his colleagues' paracetamol bags or anaesthesia pouches to create operating room emergencies where he could intervene to show off his resuscitating talents.

"What he is accused of is poisoning healthy patients in order to harm colleagues with whom he was in conflict," Manteaux said.

"Frederic Pechier was the first responder when cardiac arrest occurred," he added. "He always had a solution."

Mr. Pechier has blamed "medical errors" by his colleagues for most of the poisonings. Some colleagues described Mr. Pechier as a "star anaesthetist" while others said he came across as arrogant and manipulative. One co-worker claimed Pechier was "certain he was the best" and liked to "think of himself as Zorro".

Over the course of the inquiry, investigators examined more than 70 reports of "serious adverse events", medical jargon for unexpected complications or deaths among patients.

The cases of 30 patients who suffered cardiac arrest during surgery at the Saint-Vincent Clinic and the Franche-Comte Polyclinic made it to trial.

His defence team is planning to argue for acquittal.

"It's very easy to accuse people, it's harder to prove things," one of his lawyers, Randall Schwerdorffer, told reporters. More than 150 civil parties will be represented at the trial.

For the first two weeks, the court will examine Mr. Pechier's most recent cases, those that aroused the investigators' suspicions and led to the anaesthetist being placed under investigation in 2017.

Afterwards each of the poisonings attributed to the doctor will be examined.

"It's going to be a legal marathon, but we're ready," Stephane Giuranna, a lawyer for several civil parties, said.

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Illegal immigrants from Bangladesh deported: Assam CM

18 Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has been regularly sharing on social media, details of 'illegal' Bangladeshi people being pushed back. He had posted on September 3 that 13 infiltrators had been sent back. Assam Police has launched a statewide crackdown on illegal immigrants. PTI

Decline in China's exports to the U.S. in the month of August

11.8 in per cent. China's exports to the U.S. fell 11.8% month-on-month in August, official data showed, as the two countries navigate a shaky trade truce after months of friction. The country shipped $31.6 billion worth of goods to the U.S., down from $35.8 billion in July. AFP

Number of protesters for Palestine in Brussels on Sunday

1.2 in lakh. Days after Belgium's foreign minister said the European Union's credibility was "collapsing" because of its failure to act on the Palestine issue, thousands of people took to the streets in Belgium. Many of those who took part were dressed in red and carried red cards. AFP

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72 According to the government, such detentions are often carried out by local people acting on the orders of armed groups in areas where there is little state presence. Colombia has been enduring rising violence from dissident groups. AFP

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India-China: the need for a border settlement

Special Representatives were appointed by both nations, proposed by Prime Minister Vajpayee, solely for the purpose of settling the border issue. However, even now, a decade later, the boundary remains as indeterminate as ever

WORLD INSIGHT

Manoj Joshi

Since his visit to China as External Affairs Minister in 1979, Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee had harboured a keen desire to resolve issues with China and Pakistan. His 1979 visit to China was the first by a senior leader since the 1962 India-China war, and it set in place the process of normalising India-China relations. However, despite Deng Xiaoping's (the then leader of China) offer to make a deal on the border, the Indian side indicated that it was not yet ready to do so.

And so, two decades went by and relations between the two countries did get onto an even keel as they set about attempting to build peace on the Line of Actual Control (LAC), even as they built ties in other areas.

The Vajpayee factor

Vajpayee's period as Prime Minister saw rapid ups and downs in the Sino-Indian relationship.

Following the nuclear tests of 1998, which Vajpayee said were needed to counter China, Sino-Indian relations reached their nadir. Beijing became party to the UN Security Council Resolution 1172 to penalise India for the tests. However, they soon reconciled and in April 1999, the two sides held another Joint Working Group (JWG) meeting, the first in 20 months.

During his visit to Beijing in 2003, Prime Minister Vajpayee proposed that the two sides needed to give a political push to their border talks. The Chinese agreed and the two sides decided to appoint Special Representatives (SR) who would lead the process. As a measure of the importance India attached to the initiative, the Prime Minister appointed his principal secretary and National Security Advisor Brajesh Mishra as the Indian SR. The Chinese appointed Dai Bingguo, a senior politician and diplomat whose effective job was as National Security Advisor to President Hu Jintao. Insiders told this writer, that Prime Minister Vajpayee wanted the border issue to be settled as soon as possible, perhaps in a matter of years. But he lost the 2004 elections, and even though the SR process continued, it lost the invaluable support that the Prime Minister had provided.

The major achievement of the SRs, and a quick one, was the agreement of 2005 outlining "the political parameters and agreed guidelines for a border settlement between India and China."

The Political Parameters agreement has, so far, been the only negotiated document between the two sides on their boundary dispute.

The Political Parameters agreement

This was an extremely significant agreement, the essence of which suggested that the two countries would swap their claims – New Delhi would agree to the Chinese retaining Aksai Chin in Ladakh, while Beijing would concede the Indian claim on Arunachal Pradesh.

The preamble of the agreement noted that the two sides were convinced that "an early settlement of the boundary question will advance basic interests of the two countries and should therefore be pursued as a strategic objective." This makes it clear that the boundary issue was now frontloaded to the Sino-Indian dialogue.

Furthermore, Article II stated that the settlement would be arrived at from "from the political perspective of overall bilateral relations." The two sides would move away from a purely technical or historic-legal solution. Article VI said that "the boundary should be along well-defined and easily identifiable natural geographical features" that the two sides agree on. This was the issue which had plagued the 1980s talks between the two nations.

However, the key clauses of the agreement were articles IV and VII. Article IV said that the two sides would give due consideration "to each other's strategic and reasonable interests" within the framework of their commitment to "mutual and equal security". Article VII declared that in arriving at a settlement, "the two sides shall safeguard due interests of their settled populations in the border areas."

A common-sense reading of these two articles suggested that the two sides were likely to strike a deal on a largely "as is where is" basis – Aksai Chin's real strategic importance was to China, and settled populations were specific to India in Arunachal Pradesh. The task for the SRs was now to work out "an agreed framework" that could provide the basis for the "delineation and demarcation" of the Sino-Indian boundary. Having lost the initial momentum, by 2009, the SR's task had been expanded to cover the gamut of Sino-Indian relations.

In June 2007, at the sidelines of a meeting in Berlin with Indian External Affairs Minister Pranab Mukherjee, Chinese foreign minister Yang Jiechi appeared to resile from Article VII.

Yang told Mukherjee that the "mere presence" of populated areas would not affect China's claims on the Sino-Indian border.

In other words, China was reasserting its claim on Tawang, the most significant town in Arunachal Pradesh, and a major centre of Lamaist Buddhism.

All talk, no play

Despite all this, the SRs continued their work. At the end of the term of the Chinese SR Dai Bingguo, an informal meeting was held between him and his Indian counterpart Shivshankar Menon, and the two sides recorded the summary of the consensus that the two sides had been able to achieve. We have no record of what these points were, but in March 2013, Wei Wei, then Ambassador in New Delhi, wrote in *The Hindu* that the two sides had "reached an 18-point consensus on the resolution framework." This was confirmed by Menon following his retirement and he also revealed in an interview that the work of the SRs in working out a framework for a border settlement had been done; all that was left was the political go-ahead to implement it on the ground. Yet, as Dai noted in his memoir *Strategic Dialogues*, China continued to insist that India concede the Tawang area to them as part of any settlement. Some of the decisions that had been taken were revealed, but only in passing. During the Doklam crisis of 2017, it was revealed that the two sides had agreed on the "basis of alignment" for the Sikkim-Tibet border, essentially the watershed between the Teesta and the Amo Chu river. They had also agreed that wherever the border had trijunctions with third countries the latter would be consulted before its finalisation. This involved Myanmar, Bhutan, Nepal and presumably Pakistan.

But a decade later in 2025, the SRs are still soldiering on. On August 19, they held their 24th round of talks. In the preceding decade, India-China relations had seen many ups and downs – the 2014 border incidents in Chumar, the 2017 Doklam crisis, the 2018-2019 détente, and the 2020 crisis. Between 2019 and 2024, they did not meet formally even once. But then talks were taken up following the instructions of Chinese President Xi Jinping and Prime Minister Narendra Modi after their summit in Kazan at the sidelines of the BRICS meet last year.

The way ahead

The last round of the SRs in August 2025 importantly reiterated the decision of the two sides to move ahead with their discussions to work out a "reasonable and mutually acceptable framework" for settlement of the boundary based on the 2005 Political Parameters agreement.

Taking up where they left off in 2019, the two SRs also decided to set up a special expert group to move ahead for an "early harvest" agreement, which is essentially the settlement of the Sikkim-Tibet boundary. Another task set up by the SRs is to work out new border management methods to replace the ones that failed to work in 2020.

As we have noted, China and India have the basics of an agreement needed to work out their border alignment. At present, unfortunately, both sides are continuing with their military buildup on either side of the LAC. Efforts to build down military deployments, such as the agreement of 1996, have failed to do the needful. Both countries continue to pay a high price for their deployments in defending what could become a normal international border following an agreement. Yet, that final push for settlement has not come and it will only come when the political leaderships of the two countries jointly accept that there is nothing to be gained, and possibly a lot to be lost by allowing the border to remain unsettled.

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Moving on: Prime Minister Narendra Modi meets Chinese President Xi Jinping on the sidelines of the BRICS Summit, in Kazan on October 23, 2024. ANI

THE GIST

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Public are hereby notified that our clients propose to purchase the properties mentioned in the schedule herein from its owner **Sri. Ravi Acharya** son of Sri. Govindachari, Residing at No. 17/1, Amballipura Village, Sarjapur Road, Agara Post, Bengaluru 560034, who has represented that he has purchased the Schedule Property from his vendors in terms of the following Sale Deeds:-.

1. sale deed dated 19.12.2004 registered in Document No. NMG-1-05324 stored in Book – 1, C.D. No. NMGD25, executed in his favour by Sri. Hucchanna son of Sri. Mylaraiah.
2. sale deed dated 09.12.2004, registered in Document No. NMG-1-05325-2004-05, of Book – 1 stored in C.D. No. NMGD25, executed in his favour by Smt. Munilakshmamma wife of Sri. Byranna.
3. sale deed dated 09.12.2004 in Document No. NMG-1-05326-2004-05, of Book – 1, stored in CD No. NMGD25, executed in is favour by Sri. Byranna son of Sri. Gangabyrappa.
4. sale deed dated 31.01.2005 in Document No. NMG-1-06546-2004-05, of Book 1, stored in C.D. No. NMGD29, executed in his favour by Sri. P. Venkatareddy son of Sri. V. Pillappa.
5. sale deed dated 31.01.2005, registered as Document No. NMG-1-06545-2004-05 of Book 1, stored in C.D. No. NMGD29, executed in his favour by Smt. R. Chaya daughter of Sri. A. Ramaiah.
6. sale deed dated 07.02.2005, in Document No. NMG-1-06717-2004-05 of Book 1, stored in C.D. No. NMGD30, executed in his favour by Sri. Hanumanthaia.
7. sale deed dated 23.04.2005 in Document No. NMG-1-00481-2005-06, executed in his favour by Smt. R. Chaya daughter of Sri. A. Ramaiah.
8. Sale Deed dated 17.05.2005 registered in Document No. NMG-1-01655-2005-06 stored in C.D. No. NMGD38, executed in his favour by Sri. H.S. Manjunath son of Sri. M. H. Shivanna and others.
9. Sale deed dated 22.10.2005 registered as Document No. NMG-1-03224-2005-06 stored in C.D. No. NMGD41, executed in his favour by Smt. Saravanamma son of Late. Sri. Ganganna and others.
10. Sale Deed dated 05.09.2005 registered as Document No. NMG-1-02152-2005-06, stored in C.D. No. NMGD39, executed in his favour by Sri. Prashanth son of Sri. P. Shivashankar.

SCHEDULE PROPERTIES

1. All that piece and parcel of the portion property measuring to an extent of about 10 Acres 20 Guntas out of a total extent of land measuring 16 Acres and 00 Guntas, carved out of Survey No. 31, situated at Mylanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk.
2. All that piece and parcel of the agricultural property bearing Survey No. 33/2 measuring 5 acres 11 guntas kharab situated at Mylanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District
3. All that piece and parcel of the dry agricultural property bearing Survey No. 33/1 measuring 1 acre 02.5 guntas kharab situated at Mylanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District
4. All that piece and parcel of the dry agricultural property bearing Survey No. 33/1, which is renumbered as Survey No. 33/5 measuring 1 acre 02 guntas kharab situated at Mylanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District

Persons objecting for the proposed sale or having any right in the said property may lodge his/their objections and/or claims with the undersigned along with supporting documentary evidence within **10 days** from the date of this publication and objections and/or claims received thereafter will not be binding on my Clients and my Clients will proceed to purchase the Schedule Property as if there are no claims/objections.

S. Vaishnavi
Ashwin Kumar. H
Advocate,
No. 13, 2nd Main Road, Palace Guttahalli, Bangalore: 560003. Mob No: 9535483116.
Email: vaishnavis.adv@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

That my client **Mrs. Reshma Tabassum,** D/o. Shaheda Begum and late Afsar, No.11, 11th Cross, Sattar Layout, Lakkasandra, Bangalore-560027, had lost the original Sale Deed dated: 16-08-1873, registered as document No.1542/1973-74 of Book-1, Pages 97 to 99, Volume 226, Sub-Registrar, Jayanagar, Bangalore, in respect of the Schedule Property and lodged complaint to the concerned Police authorities vide Lost Article Report No. 1787666/2025, dated: 06-09-2025.

That my client hereby request the General Public that if the said documents are traced by them, kindly return to my client or her said Advocate.

SCHEDULE PROPERY

Site No.44, Sy.No.91/, Lakkasandra, Bangalore, measuring East to West: 15 feet and North to South:45 feet, and bounded on the:

East by : Road,
West by : Private Property,
North by : Private Property,
South by : Road,

A. MANJUNATH, B.Com., LLB, Advocate
Office: No.924, 28th Main, 9th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore -560 069. Phone: 9845395528
DATE : 08-09-2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the general public that our clients **Mr.S.Arul Reuben** S/o Mr.Sathiadhas Rajendran and **Mrs.S.Kala** W/o Mr.S.Arul Reuben are intending to purchase the schedule property mentioned hereunder from **Mr.T.S.Suhesh** S/o. T.V. Sudhakaran; any person/s objecting for the proposed purchase or are having any right, title, interest or any type of claim over the scheduled property is hereby called upon to file their objections/claims what so ever along with documentary proof on or before **10 days** from the date of publication of this notice with the under mentioned advocate failing which; our clients shall proceed and complete the sale transaction with the above stated person.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of Residential Apartment bearing **FLAT No.206,** in **SECOND FLOOR,** BBMP e-PID No.4438848328, of the Residential Apartment Building known as **"SLV NIVAS"** having a Super built-up area of 896 Square feet, situated at **Hennur Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North** containing Two bed room, along with one covered car parking space, together with **190 Sq.ft** undivided share of the land.

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Ramesh appointed new V-C of BCU

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Professor Ramesh B., former Registrar of Evaluation at Bengaluru City University (BCU), has been appointed as the new Vice-Chancellor. He took charge on Monday, with former acting Vice-Chancellor K.R. Jalaja handing over the responsibilities. A senior professor in the Department of Social Work at Tumkur University, Prof. Ramesh previously served two terms as BCU's Evaluation Registrar. He also held the position of Registrar of Administration at the Karnataka State Open University. BCU Registrar A. Naveen Joseph, Finance Officer M.V. Vijayalakshmi, Syndicate members, and senior faculty members attended the ceremony.

Kristu Jayanti appoints Augustine George as V-C

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Kristu Jayanti on Monday appointed Rev. Fr. Dr. Augustine George CMI as its first Vice-Chancellor, following the institution's elevation to "Deemed to be University" status.

The appointment was announced by Rev. Fr. Dr. Abraham Vettiyankal, Chancellor of the University and Provincial of St. Joseph Province, Kottayam.

Dr. Augustine George, who has had a long association with Kristu Jayanti, previously served as Head of Department, Dean, Director of the Law College, Vice Principal, and Principal. Under his leadership, the institution secured an A++ grade with a CGPA of 3.78 in NAAC's third cycle and ranked 34th in NIRF 2025. He has also spearheaded initiatives in implementing NEP 2020, enhancing research, fostering international collaborations, and integrating technology in academics.

The Ministry of Education conferred Deemed-to-be University status on Kristu Jayanti earlier this year, the University said in a release.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

(ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)
IN THE MATTER OF COMPANIES ACT, 1956
AND
IN THE MATTER OF SECTIONS 466 READ WITH 391 TO 394 OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 1956
AND
IN THE MATTER OF INTERNATIONAL COACH BUILDERS LIMITED (IN LIQUIDATION)
AND
IN THE MATTER OF SCHEME OF ARRANGEMENT FOR REVIVAL OF INTERNATIONAL COACH BUILDERS LIMITED (IN LIQUIDATION)
COMPANY APPLICATION No. 70 OF 2025
IN
COMPANY PETITION NO. 131 OF 1988

BETWEEN
Mr. KIRIT MORZARIA
S/o C G Morzaria,
Aged about 71 years,
Residing at 1B Tounne House No 6, Haudin Road, Ulsoor, Bangalore – 560 042
... APPLICANT

Vs

INTERNATIONAL COACH BUILDERS LIMITED,
(In Liquidation)
Represented by the Official Liquidator attached to the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka,
12th Floor, Raheja Towers, M.G.Road, Bangalore - 560 001
…RESPONDENT

NOTICE

The Applicant has filed the application under Sections 466 read with Sections 391 to 394 and of the Companies Act, 1956 for sanctioning the Scheme of Arrangement and to recall the Winding up Order dated 30.11.1990 for Revival of Respondent Company (in Liquidation). The said application was came to be allowed by the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka, Bengaluru vide order dated 01.09.2025 whereby the Winding up order was stayed and kept in suspension. The Hon'ble High Court in the said order directed the Applicant to carry out paper publication inviting claims/objections, if any by the shareholders and creditors of INTERNATIONAL COACH BUILDERS LIMITED (CIN: U00373KA1982PLC004606) to file the same before the Office of the Official Liquidator attached to the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka.

Any person have claim/objection, if any for recalling the winding up order dated 30.11.1990 in respect of INTERNATIONAL COACH BUILDERS LIMITED, to submit the same to the Office of the Official Liquidator attached to the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka within 21 (twenty one) days from the date of publication of this notice.

SAJI P JOHN
SPJ Legal, Advocates
Unit No 306, 3rd Floor, #30, Prestige Meridian II, M.G.Road, Bengaluru - 560 001
Email:saji@spjlegal.com

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 08.09.2025

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ଗ୍ରାମ୍ୟ ନିର୍ମାଣ ମଣ୍ଡଳ, ବ୍ରହ୍ମପୁର

(ଗ୍ରାମ / ପୋଷ୍ଟ- ଆମ୍ବୁପୁଆ, ଆୟକର ଭବନ ନିକଟରେ, , ବ୍ରହ୍ମପୁର - ୭୭୦୦୧୧, ଗଞ୍ଜାମ, ଓଡିଶା)

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER
RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, BERHAMPUR
(At/Po :- Ambapua, Near Income Tax Office, Berhampur-760011. Ganjam, Odisha)
(E-Mail:- serwbpr2004@yahoo.com; Tel No.:-0680-2404287)

No. e-tender //3256 // RWC// BAM// Dated. 4.9.25 E-Mail / E-despatch

1st Corrigendum to Bid Identification No. Online Tender / 20-2025-26/BPR

1) The partial modification of Road works under MMSY-Improvement to Existing R.D.Roads vide above identification has been made as follows.

1.	Date of Availability of tender	:	**10.10.2025 to 27.10.2025 upto 5.30 PM** instead of 04.09.2025 to 18.09.2025 up to 5.30 PM
2.	Last Date & Time of seeking tender clarification	:	**24.10.2025 at 5.30 PM** instead of 16.09.2025 at 5.30 PM
3.	Date of opening of Technical Bid	:	**28.10.2025 at 11.00 AM** instead of 19.09.2025 at 11.00 AM
4.	Date of opening of Financial Bid	:	**Will be intimated later on**

All other contents will remain unchanged.

Chief Construction Engineer, R.W.Circle, Berhampur

O- 732: OIPR-25071/11/0124/2526

UNION BANK OF INDIA

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(A Government of India Undertaking)
Regional Office : 2254, Kousalya, 3rd Floor, Vinoba Road, Mysuru-570005

E-AUCTION NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the Secured Creditor, the symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised officer of **Union Bank of India** (secured Creditor) will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is basis"** on the date mentioned below, for recovery of dues as mentioned hereunder to Union bank of India from the below mentioned Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s). The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit are also mentioned hereunder.

Mylanayakana Hosahalli Branch, Bevoor Road, Opp-govt Middle School, Mylanayakahosalli Village, Channapatna Taluk, Ramangara - 562160 Ph: 9642464696, Mail Id: ubin0918814@unionbankofindia.bank

1. Name And Address Of The Borrower, Co-applicant And Guarantor: 1) M/s, Kabbalamma Agarbhathi Unit, Proprietor : Sowmya U M, W/o Borelingegowda, Mylanayakana Hosahalli Village, Channapatna Taluk, Ramanagara - 562160
2) Mr. Borelingegowda, S/o Puttaswamy, Mylanayakana Hosahalli, Village, Channapatna Taluk, Ramanagara - 562160
Amount due : Rs. 9,50,692.19 as on 31-08-2025 with further interest, cost & expenses.
Description of immovable secured assets to be Sold: All The Part And The Parcel Of Residential House In The Name Of **Borelingegowda,** Khanesumari No. 490/447, Propety No 152900101600320009, Mayalanayakana Hosahalli Village, Maylanayakanahalli Grama Panchayath, Kasaba Hobli, Channapatna Taluk, Ramanagara Dist. **Measuring East - West 39 feet, North - South 20 Feet Total 780 Square feet. Bounded On The By East:** Govt Road, **West:** Applicants Donar's Property, **North:** Path Road, **South:** Applicants Donaor's Property.

Reserve Price : Rs. 11,12,448-00 (Rupees Eleven Lakhs Twelve Thousand Four Hundred Forty Eight Only)
Earnest Money To Be Deposited :
Rs. 1,11,245-00 (Rupees One Lakh Eleven Thousand Two Hundred Forty Five Only)

Channapatna Branch, No. 2911/4-10, B M Road, Kuvempunagara, Channapatna, Ramangara - 562160 Ph: 9744880055, Mail Id: ubin0910821@unionbankofindia.bank

2. Name And Address Of The Borrower, Co-applicant And Guarantor: 1) Mrs. Vimala T R. W/o T K Raju, No. 98, Thittamaranahalli Village, Channapatna, Ramanagara - 562160.
2) Mr. Umashankar T R. No. 98, Thittamaranahalli Village, Channapatna, Ramanagara - 562160.
3) Ms. Shwetha T R. D/o T K Raju, No. 98, Thittamaranahalli Village, Channapatna, Ramanagara - 562160.
Amount due : Rs. 1,73,03,977.40 as on 31-08-2025 with further interest, cost & expenses.
Description of immovable secured assets to be Sold: All The Part And Parcel Of Residential House In The Name Of **Mrs. Vimala T R,** Bearing Khaneshumari No 79/79, Situated At Thittamaranahalli Village, Mangalawarapet Dhakle, Kasaba Hobli, Channapatna Taluk, Ramanagara Dist. **Measuring East - West: 63.32 feet, North - South: 34.76 feet, Total 2201 Square feet. Bouned On The East:** House Of Nagaraju K, **West:** House Of Krishna & Channamma's, **North:** House Of Channamma, **South:** Road.

Reserve Price :
Rs. 28,56,329-00 (Rupees Twenty Eight lakhs Fifty Six Thousand Three Hundred and Twenty Nine Only)
Earnest Money To Be Deposited :
Rs. 2,85,633-00 (Rupees Three Lakhs Seventeen Thousand Three Hundred and Sixty Nine Only)

3. Name And Address Of The Borrower, Co-applicant And Guarantor: 1) Mr. Prasanna Kumar S/o Late Subbegowda, Chakkere Village, Malur Hobli, Channapatna, Ramangara – 562160
2) (Alternate Address) Mr. Prasanna Kumar S/o Late Subbegowda, No. 57, Megaladoddi, Chekkere Village, Channapatna, Ramanagara – 562160
Amount due : Rs. 77,51,091.80 as on 31-08-2025 with further interest, cost & expenses.
Description of immovable secured assets to be Sold: All The Part And The Parcel Of Residential House In The Name Of **Mr. Prasanna Kumar. C.S.** Property No, 15290010060010065 2, Khanesumari No. 517, Chakkere Village & Malur Hobli, Channapatna Taluk, Ramanagara Dist, **Measuring East - West : 25 feet, North - South: 45 feet, Total 1125 Square feet, Bounded On The East:** Remaining Property, **West:** Road, **North:** Remaining Property, **South:** Remaining Property.

Reserve Price :
Rs. 15,50,116-00 (Rupees Fifteen Lakhs Fifty Thousand One Hundred and Sixteen Only)
Earnest Money To Be Deposited :
Rs. 1,55,011-00 (Rupees One Lakh Fifty Five Thousand Eleven Only)

Ramanagara Ijoor Branch, No. 316, 1st Floor, Near Bus Stand, Mysore Road, Ramanagara – 562159 Ph: 9446252388, Mail Id: ubin0910872@unionbankofindia.bank

4. Name And Address Of The Borrower, Co-applicant And Guarantor: 1) Mr. Suhail Ahmed, S/o Siraj Ahmed, No. 617/45/1, Tippu Masjid Road, Tippu Nagar, Ramanagara -562159.
2) Mrs. Seema Banu, W/o Suhil Ahmed, No. 617/45/1, Tippu Masijd Road, Tippu Nagar, Ramanagara – 562159
Amount due : Rs. 21,59,855-00 as on 31-08-2025 with further interest, cost & expenses.
Description of immovable secured assets to be Sold: All The Part And Parcel Of The Residential House In The Name Of **Suhail Ahmed,** Bearing Katha No 499/703/57, Ward No 21, Kothipura Amanikere, Ramanagara Town & District. **Measuring East - West: 60 feet, North - South: 20 feet, Total 1200 Square feet, As Per Reg. Sale Deed Dt: 25/10/2013, Bounded On The East:** Private Property, **West:** Road, **North:** House Of Nazeer Sab, **South:** Property Of Hajji Amzed Pasha In Same Katha Number Measured 60x20 Feet.

Reserve Price :
Rs. 22,16,970-00 (Rupees Twenty Two Lakhs Sixteen Thousand Nine hundred Seventy Only)
Earnest Money To Be Deposited :
Rs. 2,21,697-00 (Rupees Two Lakhs Twenty One Thousand Six Hundred and Ninety Seven Only)

Kanakapura M G Road Branch, Opp Govt Maternity Hospital, Main Road, Kanakapura, Ramanagara - 562117 Contact No: 9449242800, Mail Id: ubin0911747@unionbankofindia.bank

5. Name And Address Of The Borrower, Co-applicant And Guarantor: 1) Mr. Kumar S/o Puttanna, No. 3032/2122, No. 3031A/2121A, 1st Cross, Vivekananda Nagara, Kanakapura – 562117
2) Mrs. Ramya, No. 3032/2122, No. 3031A/2121A, 1st Cross, Vivekananda Nagara, Kanakapura – 562117
Amount due : Rs.7,25,745.52 as on 31-08-2025 with further interest, cost & expenses.
Description of immovable secured assets to be Sold: All The Part And Parcel Of The Residential House In The Name Of Mr. Kumar, Bearing Khatha No. 3032/2122, Khatha No 3031A/2121A, Near Sri Ganesh Temple, CMC Ward No 09, 1st Street, Vivekananda Nagara, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramangara Dist, **Measuring For Khatha No. 3032/2122: East - West : 10 feet & North - South : 30 feet, For Katha No 3032/2122 East - West : 10 feet, North - South : 30 feet, Total (300+300) = 600 Square feet, Bounded By For Katha No. 3032/2122 East:** Property Of Mr. Rajanna, **West:** Property Of Mr. Rajanna, **North:** Property of Mahesh, **South :** Road, **For Khatha No. 3031/A/2121A, East:** Prop Of Mr. Kumar, **West:** Property Of Mr. Mariyanna, **North:** Remaining Portion Of Rajanna, **South :** Road.

Reserve Price :
Rs. 13,90,770-00 (Rupees Thirteen Lakhs Ninety Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy Only)
Earnest Money To Be Deposited :
Rs. 1,39,077-00 (Rupees One Lakhs Thirty Nine Thousand and Seventy Seven Only)

Date and time of E Auction : Date : 26-09-2025 From 12.00 PM to 5.00 PM
(with 10 min unlimited auto extensions)
Last date for submission of EMD : On or before the commencement of e-Auction.
E-auction website: https://ebkray.in

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale and registration and login and bidding rules visit : please refer to the link provided : https://www.unionbankofindia.co.in/auction-property/view-auction-property.aspx and www.unionbankofindia.co.in

Date : 09-09-2025
Place : Mysuru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Union Bank of India.

GULBARGA ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED

(Wholly owned Government of Karnataka undertaking)

No.GESCOM/CEE(O)/SEE(MIS)/EE(RA)/AEE(RA)/AO(RA)/2025-26/42394-100 Dated:08.09.2025

NOTIFICATION

BEFORE THE KARNATAKA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION,
No.16, C-1, MILLERS TANK BED AREA,
VASANTHANAGAR, BANGALORE– 560 052

IN THE MATTER OF:
Review Petition RP08/2025 before the Hon'ble Commission for tariff modification with respect to Irrigation Pump sets, Commercial and Industrial tariff categories.
Gulbarga Electricity Supply Company Limited (GESCOM),
Corporate Office, Station Road, Kalaburagi-585102 & all other ESCOMs ... PETITIONER

N O T I C E

Gulbarga Electricity Supply Company (GESCOM) along with other ESCOMs, has filed a Review Petition RP 08/2025 before the Hon'ble Commission for tariff modification with respect to Irrigation Pump sets, Commercial and Industrial tariff categories.

The details of tariff modifications are as under:

The Government of Karnataka, in its Budget for FY 2025-26 which was announced on **07.03.2025,** had allocated **Rs. 16,021 Crores** as subsidy for IP Sets.

The Hon'ble Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission have passed the Tariff Order-2025 on 27.03.2025 to be effective for FY 2025-26. In the Tariff Order, the tariff fixed for energy consumption for IP set is **Rs. 8.30** per unit as against the previous year's per unit rate of **Rs. 6.81,** resulting in the total subsidy requirement for all ESCOMs towards the IP set category **Rs. 20,640 Crores** for approved sales. This resulted in a shortfall of subsidy as compared to the budgetary allocation of the GoK.

Every year as a policy, the GOK is announcing the subsidy to provide towards agriculture consumers. For FY 25-26, the GOK has announced Rs. 16,021 Crores as IP Subsidy in the State Budget. The State budget provisions are incorporated initially in the Finance Bill and thereafter in the Act. While determining the tariff and announcing the same, this Hon'ble Commission appears not to have taken into account the State Budget into consideration. As a consequence of not considering the budgetary allocations to the agriculture consumers, the tariff for the agricultural consumers has been fixed much above the proposals made by the Petitioners.

The tariff for the LT-4(a) category, has witnessed a quantum jump which have to be borne by the Government (or Farmers - in the absence of sufficient subsidy from the Government). The said drastic increase in the tariff for IP sets calls for review of the TO 2025. If Commissions Tariff Order is implemented for LT-4(a) category, ESCOMs cannot meet this shortfall in revenue as the same is not provided in the budget. Petitioners can neither recover the shortfall either from the Government or from the Consumers. Therefore, the petition RP-08/2025 was filed for modification/amendment of Tariff Order 2025.

The Tariff Order 2024 provided for cross subsidization of LT4(a) category at 24.67% wrt to Average Cost of Supply. The Tariff Order 2025 provides for cross subsidization of 6.53%, 3.82% for FY-26 and FY-27 respectively. For FY-28, Hon'ble Commission has aimed at eliminating cross subsidization of LT4a category completely.

Further, the recent Tariff Order has introduced changes to various categories of installations. Notably, certain government installations tariff rates have not been altered, while others have been affected. The following categories have been retained at the old tariff rates:

LT6: Water supply **LT6:** Street light **LT6:** EV installations
HT1: Water supply installations **HT6:** Irrigational and Agricultural farms **HT7:** Government Lift irrigation

These categories, being government installations, have been retained with the existing tariff of TO 2024. Though both LT4(a) and the above government installations are cross subsidized by commercial and industrial category of consumers, only LT4(a) tariff has been increased drastically to reduce the cross subsidization.

If Commission's tariff order is implemented for LT-4(a) category, ESCOMs cannot meet this shortfall in revenue as the same is not provided in the budget. Petitioners can neither recover the shortfall either from the Government nor from the Consumers. Therefore, the ESCOMs have filed petition for modification/amendment on the following grounds.

1. **Sec. 64(6) of the Electricity Act, 2003 reads as under**
   A tariff order shall, unless amended or revoked, continue to be in force for such period as may be specified in the tariff order. As per the above provision of the Act, Commission is empowered to amend or modify for the period of the present tariff order.
2. Regulation 8 of the KERC (Conduct and Proceedings) Regulation 2000 which read as under
   (1) The Commission may, either on its own motion or on an application made by any interested or affected party, within 90 days of the making or issuing of any decision, direction, order, notice or other document or the taking of any action in pursuance of these Regulations, review, revoke, revise, modify, amend, alter or otherwise change such decision, direction, order, notice or other document issued or action taken by the Commission or any of its Officers. (2) An application under sub-regulation (1) shall be filed in the same manner as a Petition under Chapter-II of these Regulations.
   As per the above regulation this commission is empowered to review, revise, modify, amend, the tariff order dated 27.03.2025 and reduce the tariff of LT-4(a) category duly taking note of the subsidy GOK is providing towards this category.
3. Under Sec. 94(1)(F), Commission is empowered to review its decision as contemplated under the Civil Procedure Code, 1908 for not considering the budgetary proposal made by the State under the Karnataka Act 21 of 2025 while fixing the tariff for LT-4(a) category.
4. Sec. 175 of the Electricity Act, 2003 provide as follows
   The provisions of this Act are in addition to and not in derogation of any other law for the time being in force.
   The ESCOMs had requested the Government of Karnataka to allocate additional budgetary support towards subsidizing the LT- 4(a) agricultural installations. During the meeting at the government level it was observed that the retail tariff rates of commercial and industrial installations have been decreased and the tariff rates of IP sets have been increased in the Tariff Order'25. Further, it was also observed that there is a drastic decrease in the cross subsidization of the agricultural consumer and also elimination of cross subsidization in FY-28, In order to achieve revenue neutrality, the tariff of industrial and commercial categories is sought to be enhanced. To retain high revenue consumers with ESCOMs, the government of Karnataka has announced an additional grant of **Rs. 2362.47 crores** to provides subsidized power to irrigation pump sets with a capacity below 10HP. Wherefore, the Government of Karnataka stated that it would additionally grant R**s. 2,362.47 crores** towards providing subsidized power to LT-4(a) consumers.

ESCOMs have proposed to fill up the financial gap arising out of reduction in LT-4(a) tariff through the following measures:

i. The present IP set tariff may be reduced from **Rs. 8.30 per unit to Rs.7.35 per unit** so that the state may provide additional subsidy without undue strain on the other revenue requirements of the state. The reduction in LT-4(a) tariff to Rs.7.35 will result in a shortfall of **Rs. 2362.47 Crores** as against the tariffs considered in the Tariff order under review.
ii. Increase the tariff of commercial and industrial installations proportionally as per the table below which will increase the revenue to the extent of **Rs. 1,214.12 crores.**
iii. Consider the additional revenue from miscellaneous sources in comparison to previous year as per Tariff Order, viz interest on arrears, cross subsidy surcharge, FPPCA, wheeling charges, etc. to the extent of Rs. 1148.35.

Hence, the revision in tariff is required. GESCOM and other ESCOMs plans to recover in FY-26 from the proposed revision of Tariff.

The tariff modification proposed is as under:

Categories	T.O.2024		T.O 2025		Tariff to be revised (option-2)		Increase/decrease in Revenue if option 2 is considered against TO 2025
	FC in Rs.	EC in Rs./unit	FC in Rs.	EC in Rs./unit	FC in Rs.	EC in Rs./unit	Amt. in Crores
LT-4 (a) IP<10		**6.81**		**8.30**		**7.35**	**(2,362.47)**
LT-3(a) Commercial	210/220	8.00	215	7.00	235.00	7.10	207.21
LT-5 Industry	140/190	6.10	150	4.50	165.00	5.20	303.20
HT-2(a): Industry	340	6.90	345	6.60	365.00	6.70	262.85
HT-2(b): Commercial	365	8.00	370	5.95	390.00	6.90	440.86
Total of C&I							1,214.12
Additional Miscellaneous Revenue							**1148.35**

From the above table it can be seen that if LT-4(a) tariff is reduced to Rs.7.35 per unit, it will lead to decrease in the revenue of ESCOMs to the extent of Rs. 2,362.47 Crores, which deficit is proposed to be made good by the increase in tariff of Commercial and industrial customers as indicated above to the extent of Rs. 1214.12 Crores and by considering additional Miscellaneous revenue to the extent of Rs. 1148.35 Crores. It is critical to note that, despite the above proposed revisions, the tariff of industrial and commercial customers substantially stands reduced from Tariff Order-2024.

1. Application filed before Commission is **available at GESCOM and other ESCOM¼s website, 2. Further, hard copy of the petition is available at Superintending Engineer(Ele), MIS, Corporate office, Station Road, Kalaburagi -585102. 3.** Pursuant to KERC directions in the review petition RP-08/2025, it is hereby notified that the persons who are interested in filing their objections to the above petition may file the same **with the Receiving Officer, O/o the Secretary, Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission, No.16, C-1, Millers Tank Bed Area, Vasantha Nagar, Bangalore – 560052,** along with the documents on which they want to rely upon, in three sets, duly supported by an affidavit within thirty days from the date of first publication of this Notification and also indicate whether they want to be heard in person**. A copy of the objection may be marked to Superintending Engineer(Ele), MIS, Corporate office, Station Road, Kalaburagi -585102 for furnishing replies to the objections.**

For Gulbarga Electricity Supply Company Limited
Sd/- Superintending Engineer(Ele),
MIS, Corporate office, Station Road, Kalaburagi -585102

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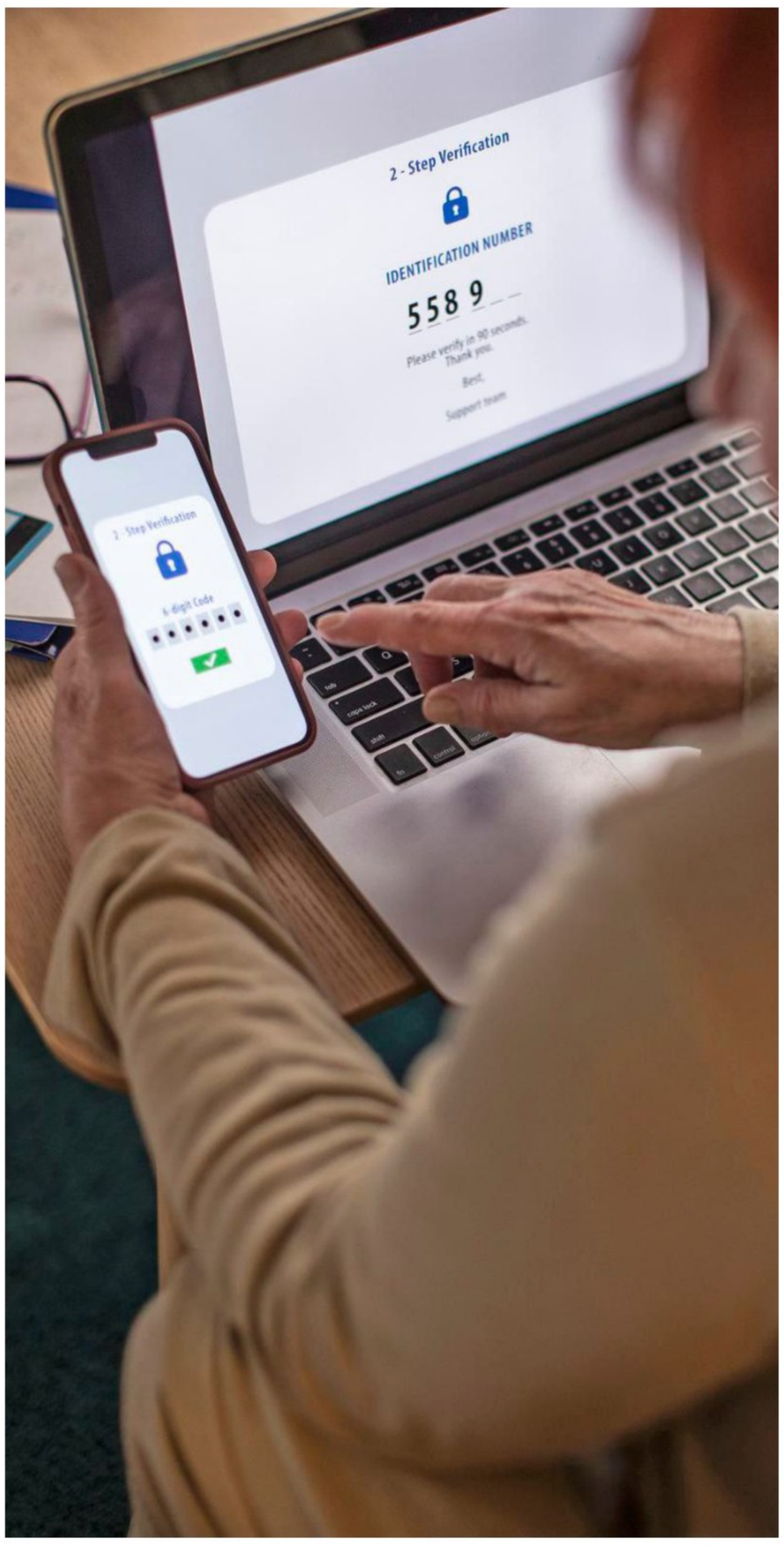
BUILDING BLOCKS

How does two-factor authentication (2FA) work?

The idea of 2FA is that you prove your identity in two different ways. The first factor is something you know: your password. The second factor is something you have: an authenticator app running on your phone

Vasudevan Mukunth

Passwords are no longer enough to keep your accounts safe. If someone steals or guesses your password, they can log into your account without your knowledge. To reduce this risk, many services use Two-Factor Authentication (2FA). It adds a second requirement when you log in, usually a code that changes every 30 seconds. One of the most popular ways to generate these codes is with apps such as Google Authenticator. How does it work?



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What is 2FA?
The idea of 2FA is that you prove your identity in two different ways. The first factor is something you know: your password. The second factor is something you have: an authenticator app running on your phone. This makes attacks harder because an attacker needs both your password and access to your phone to succeed.

OTPs are short numeric codes that work only once, and only within a short time window. Even if someone intercepts one code, it becomes useless 30 seconds later.

TOTP is the system that generates these codes; it's short for time-based OTPs. TOTP is defined in an open standard so that different apps and services can use the same method and stay compatible. Google Authenticator is one of the best-known implementations.

How does TOTP work?
Before you can generate codes, your authenticator app and the service, like Gmail or Facebook, need to agree on a piece of secret information. This is called the secret key.

When you set up Google Authenticator, the service gives you this secret. Usually, it's hidden inside a QR code that you scan. Once your phone app has the secret and the service has stored the same secret in its database, both sides are ready. They can now use this key plus the current time to generate the same short codes.

The key idea of TOTP is to use time as a moving input. Time is divided into equal steps, usually 30 seconds long. Each step has a number, called the time counter. For example, if the current time is 2:00:00 PM exactly and we count in 30-second intervals, the counter might be a large number like 50,00,000. At 2:00:30 PM, the counter increases by one.

The app takes two inputs – the shared secret key and the the current time counter.

With these, it runs a cryptographic function to generate a short numeric code. Because the server can also compute the same function with the same two inputs, it can check that your code is valid.

What are hash functions?
The codes are generated using hash functions. A hash function takes an input of any length – like a word, a sentence or a long number – and produces a fixed-length output. For example, the SHA-256 hash function always produces a 256-bit (32-byte) output.

Hash functions are one-way: given the output, it is practically impossible to figure out the original input. They are also very sensitive: if you change just one character in the input, the output changes completely.

These properties make hash functions ideal for security. But TOTP doesn't use SHA-256 alone. It uses it inside a construction called HMAC.

HMAC stands for 'hash-based message authentication code'. It's a clever way to combine a secret key with a message using a hash function. The result is a short piece of data that proves both the authenticity ("it came from someone with the secret key") and the integrity ("the message was not changed").

The HMAC formula looks complicated but the idea is straightforward –prepare the key by making sure it has the right length; combine the key with a constant called the inner pad using the XOR function (more on that later); hash it together with the message; combine the key with an outer pad using the XOR function; and hash it together with the result from step 2.

The final output is a 256-bit string. This is much longer than the six digits you see on Google Authenticator. That is where the next step comes in.

How is the final code made?
The HMAC output is 256 bits, or 64 hexadecimal characters. To turn this into a short code, TOTP uses a process called dynamic truncation. It selects a portion of the HMAC output based on its last few bits, then interprets those bits as a number. Finally, it reduces the number by dividing it by 10,00,000 and taking the remainder.

The result is a six-digit number between 000000 and 999999. This is the code you see on your app.

Because the time counter changes every 30 seconds, the code also changes. And because both your app and the server use the same secret and the same counter, they both arrive at the same six-digit number.

What is XOR?
XOR is one of the simplest yet most powerful operations in computer science. Its name is short for "exclusive OR". It's a logical operation that works on bits. The rules are simple:

0 XOR 0 = 0
1 XOR 0 = 1
0 XOR 1 = 1
1 XOR 1 = 0

In other words, XOR outputs 1 if the inputs are different and 0 if they are the same. XOR is useful because it's reversible: A XOR A = 0. Say A XOR B = C. Knowing C, how do you find A?

You do C XOR B because it's the same as (A XOR B) XOR B. Because B XOR B = 0, you're left with A.

This property makes the XOR function very handy in cryptography.

In HMAC, the XOR function is used to mix the secret key with the inner and outer pads like so: HMAC_SHA256(key, message) = SHA256(outer_pad XOR (SHA256(inner_pad XOR message)))

This ensures the key is not used directly but in an altered, more secure form.

How secure is TOTP?
The security of TOTP comes from several layers. The secret key is known only to your device and the server.
HMAC-SHA-256 ensures that without the key, no one can predict the output. Also, time dependency means that even if someone sees a code, it's valid only for a short period. While truncation makes the output small, because the underlying space of possible HMAC outputs is enormous, guessing the code is practically impossible.

This layered approach means attackers can't simply guess or compute your codes without also having your secret key.

TOTP is a special case of a more general system called HMAC-based OTP. It uses a counter that increases each time you request a code, rather than using time. TOTP also replaces the counter with the current time slice, which makes it more convenient because both sides stay in-sync automatically.

Other systems use different approaches. For example, push-based 2FA apps send you a notification to approve. Hardware tokens such as YubiKeys generate codes directly on a physical device. But all share the same principle: adding a second factor beyond your password.

Say your secret key is "DRAGON" (in reality, it'd be a random string of bytes) and the current time counter is 10,00,000. Compute HMAC-SHA-256 of the secret and the counter. This yields a 256-bit result, like 4a3b7f2c... (64 hexadecimal characters). Use the last few bits to choose an offset, then take four bytes starting there. Convert those bytes into a number, which is say 123456789. Divide 12,34,56,789 by 1,000,000 and take the remainder: 4,56,789. Thus your six-digit OTP is 456789.

At the same moment, the server does the same steps and gets the same result. If your input matches, you are authenticated.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

K. Subrahmanian
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"How was your trip to Bombay?"

"I don't even want to talk about it."

"Why not? Wasn't your New Year's speech well received?"

"I was howled down by the workers."

"Did you say 'owl down'?"

"Not 'owl down', but 'howled down'. H..O..W..L. It rhymes with 'owl' and 'foul'. When you 'howl down' somebody you prevent them from talking by shouting at them. For example, the Minister was howled down by the union members."

"Can I say the Principal was howled down by the students?"

"You certainly can. The captain of the Indian team was howled down by the spectators."

"Your trip to Bombay wasn't as bad as our cricket team's trip to Sharjah, was it?"

"Certainly not!"

"Thank goodness. Now tell me, how do you pronounce m..o..b..i..l..e?"

"The 'o' in the first syllable sounds like the 'o' in words like 'no', 'so' and 'go'. The second syllable 'bile' rhymes with 'mile', 'file' and the river 'Nile'."

"That's right! The stress is on the first syllable 'mo'."

"Do you know what 'mobile' means?"

"Doesn't it mean movable?"

"Not exactly. There is a difference between 'movable' and 'mobile'. When you say something is 'movable' it means that it is capable of being moved."

"In other words, some external force has to be applied to it in order to make it move."

"Exactly! For example, the school bought some movable blackboards."

"Blackboards not fixed to the wall, but those that can be taken from one classroom to another."

"That's right. By the way, 'movable' can be spelt in two ways. M..o..v..a..b..l..e and m..o..v..e..a..b..l..e."

"I see. Can I say my grandfather's old house had many movable screens?"

"You certainly can. The furniture found in a train is not movable."

"That's true. Now tell me, what does 'mobile' mean?"

"When you say something is 'mobile' it means that it can move on its own, or it's designed in such a way that it can be frequently moved. For example, all TV studios have mobile television cameras."

"Some machines used in construction work have mobile arms."

"Just as animals become mobile as soon as born, meaning they are able to move about as soon as they are born?"

"That's right."

"Tell me, what is a mobile library?"

"A mobile library is actually a van..."

"... a van."

"Yes, a van which takes books from one place to another for people to borrow."

"So the van is the library! And since it takes books from one place to another, it's called a mobile library. I wish we had a mobile library coming to our area. I would read a lot then."

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THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

With the Vice Presidential elections being held today, here's a quiz on VPs

Srinivasan Ramani

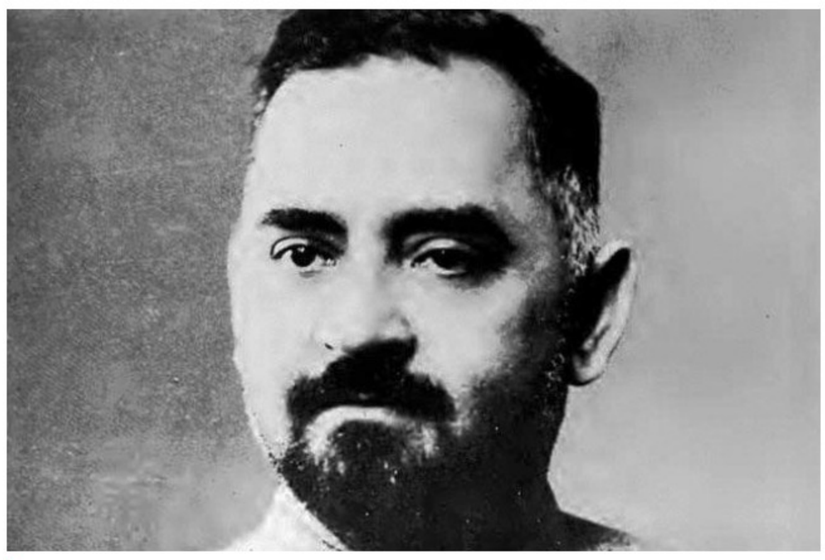
QUESTION 1
Which Vice President also served as the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of India?

QUESTION 2
Which Vice President was the only person to have become the President of India after having served as the Chief Minister of a State? Name the State too.

QUESTION 3
Apart from the first Vice President, Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan, who was re-elected and served a total of 10 years in the post?

QUESTION 4
Who was the first person from a Dalit community to serve as Vice President, and later as President of India (he was elected VP in 1992, defeating Kaka Joginder Singh)?

QUESTION 5
Which Vice President was the first to have not been elected as President of India?



Visual question:
One of the founders of Jamia Millia Islamia, he who went on to become the Vice Chancellor of the institution at the age of 29. Name this former Vice President who later became India's President.

Questions and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: The actual christened name of Peter Sellers. **Ans: Richard Henry**
2. The actress with whom Sellers recorded 'Bangers And Mash' and 'Goodness Gracious Me'. **Ans: Sophia Loren**
3. The name of Sellers' character in *The Party*. **Ans: Hrundi V. Bakshi**
4. The three Pink Panther films in which he played Inspector Clouseau. **Ans: *The Pink Panther*, *The Return of Pink Panther* and *The Pink Panther Strikes Again***
5. Sellers parodied mystery detectives and authors in this flick. **Ans: *Murder by Death***
6. This Oscar winner played Sellers in *The Life And Death Of Peter Sellers*. **Ans: Geoffrey Rush**
7. The last line from Seller's *Being There*. **Ans: 'Life is a state of mind'**
Visual: This character was taken from this film. **Ans: *Dr. Strangelove or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb***
Early Birds: Tamal Biswas| Sudhir Thapa| Piyali Tuli| Tito Shiladitya

Word of the day

Resile:
pull out from an agreement, contract, statement, etc; spring back; spring away from an impact; formally reject or disavow a formerly held belief, usually under pressure; return to the original position or state after being stretched or compressed

Synonyms: bounce, rebound, recoil, ricochet, forswear, recant, retract

Usage: *The landlord cannot resile from the lease.*

Pronunciation: newsth.live/resilepro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /ɹɪˈzaɪl/

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'B-SMILE will focus on three major areas'

These are decongesting the city, improving junctions, and upgrading city's lighting system, says Technical Director of B-SMILE

INTERVIEW

B.S. Prahallad

Chetan B.C.
BENGALURU

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has officially been dissolved, and the city will now be administered by five newly formed corporations. But several key functions will remain with specialised agencies earlier carved out of the BBMP. B.S. Prahallad, Technical Director of Bengaluru Smart Infrastructure Limited (B-SMILE), outlines the projects being taken up by the Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV). Excerpts from an interview

How did the idea of B-SMILE come about?

In 1995, Bengaluru's population was 47 lakh. By 2015, it rose to about 86 lakh, and after 2016, the growth was massive, touching 1.43 crore within the next decade. While this surge boosted economic growth, it also had a negative effect, as infrastructure was not upgraded to match the demand. To bridge these gaps, we needed comprehensive planning and focused execution. Initially, Bengaluru Smart City Limited was considered for implementing these plans. However, since the central government had its own conditions tied to that entity, the State decided to establish a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV), similar to SITs, to take up mega projects and flagship programmes.

What kind of projects will B-SMILE take up?

The SPV will focus on three major areas. First, decongesting the city through mega infrastructure projects such as elevated corridors and tunnel roads. Second, junction improvements and white-topping of arterial roads. Third, upgrading Bengaluru's lighting system.

How will the SPV finance its projects?

The government has made an immediate allocation of ₹100 crore, while the (erstwhile) BBMP has allocated ₹431 crore. These funds are currently being used to prepare Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) for upcoming projects. In the long term, the SPV will adopt Hybrid Annuity Models (HAMs) and Build-Own-Operate-Transfer (BOOT) models for funding mega infrastructure projects. For white-topping arterial

B.S. Prahallad, Technical Director, BSMILE

roads, the government will bear the full cost. For BOOT and HAM projects, where the government must fund a portion, loans will be secured from the Housing and Urban Development Corporation (HUDCO). Repayment will come from revenues generated through Premium Floor Area Ratio (FAR) and advertisements, ensuring no direct burden on the public.

What projects are currently planned?

The Twin Tunnel Road project is in the tendering stage. Elevated corridors covering 109.5 km will be taken up, particularly to decongest the city's most notorious junctions and corridors. A 450-km white-topping project across the city is planned to improve commuting quality. The *Sanchara Yukta* project, which involves building roads in *rajakaluve* buffer zones to remove illegal encroachments, will cover around 300 km. Additionally, a city-wide lighting initiative will convert all streetlights to LEDs, reducing electricity consumption by 50-60%. Historical buildings will also be illuminated, similar to Vidhana Soudha.

At what stage is the elevated corridors project in?

For all 16 elevated corridors, the DPRs are in the final stage. Only cost estimation remains pending. We are waiting for the Public Works Department (PWD) to release the Common Schedule of Rates (SRs) for 2025-26. Once released, DPRs will be finalised. Currently, we estimate that the 109.50 km elevated corridors will cost around ₹15,000 crore, excluding land acquisition. The exact figure will depend on the new SRs.

There's a lot of backlash for the tunnel project... Is it an absolute necessity?

Since 1995, road users have grown by 300%, while infrastructure has remained stagnant. A comprehensive traffic study showed that congestion is worst between Hebbal in the north and Hosur Road in the south. While building another elevated corridor here was considered, a tunnel road proved more viable. Bengaluru has 35 lakh households, of which 23.6 lakh own cars. BMTC carries about 44 lakh people daily, while the Metro serves around 10 lakh. Where do the rest go? Expanding the fleet can help, but it takes time. Should people continue to suffer? This growing gap not only worsens congestion but also strains existing infrastructure. That is why the tunnel road is critical. If we admire mega infrastructure projects in countries like China, why shouldn't we dream of achieving the same here? We are capable, and with people's support, we can make it happen.

What stage is the project at?

Tenders have been floated, and eleven companies, including two foreign firms (in partnership with Indian companies), attended the pre-bid meeting. They expressed satisfaction with the TDR and requested more time to prepare bids. We have extended the deadline to September 22. Foreign bidders cannot participate independently; they must partner with a local company.

There are concerns that the project lacks environmental clearance and that B-SMILE has done limited tests and analysis

The Karnataka State Environment Impact Assessment Authority has clarified that this project does not require environmental clearance under the EIA notification. Regarding tests, we need geotechnical and geophysical surveys, as well as seismic studies. Preliminary tests have been conducted, and results show that Bengaluru's terrain is suitable for a tunnel road. Moreover, for every 100 meters of the tunnel, the concessionaire will conduct additional, in-depth tests.

Has the land acquisition budget increased?

Initially, we estimated ₹600 crore. We now need an additional ₹200 crore since we plan to build shafts on new land, avoiding disruption to existing stretches. Except for one site near St. John's, all acquisitions will be from government property, ensuring no burden on the public.

IIMB's global ranking in FT MiM 2025 goes up

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BENGALURU

The Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Bangalore's two-year full time MBA programme - the Post Graduate Programme in Management (PGP) - has been ranked number one in India and number 28 globally in the Financial Times Masters in Management (FT MiM) 2025 global ranking.

Global top 30

The programme was ranked at 41 globally in 2024. With the new ranking, the institute is now the only Indian B-school to feature in the global top 30.

The FT MiM ranking evaluates the world's top business schools across 19 criteria, with alumni feedback accounting for 56% of the ranking's weight and school data comprising the remaining 44%. It factors in outcomes such as employment, return on investment, diversity, ESG, and internationalisation, the assessment provides a holistic measure of institutional performance.

Career progression

Outcomes of the IIMB alumni indicate higher career progression, marked rise in weighted salaries, and a notable salary percentage increase of 47% - the highest among the top three Indian B-schools. The institute has also advanced in measures of value for money, improved ESG and Net Zero teaching rank, and has recorded a leap in its carbon footprint rank, moving from 73 to 13.

The gains in diversity are also notable. The proportion of female faculty rose from 22% to 25%, female students from 33% to 40%, and women on the institute's board from 30% to 40%. The IIMB also recorded an increased intake of international students to its programme this year.

Cultivating diversity

"The IIMB benchmarks its curriculum and impact through research against the best in the world to ensure that its students play a decisive role in addressing complex global challenges. The FT MiM ranking reaffirms our promise of delivering a transformational experience that leaves a lasting impact on students, practitioners, industries, and society," said U. Dinesh Kumar, Director in-charge, IIMB.

Mukta Kulkarni, Dean, Programmes and Chairperson, Office of International Affairs, said that the 2025 FT MiM rankings were aided by the diversity that the institute has cultivated across its faculty, student, and alumni fraternity, as well as its governing body.

Infosys to train journalists in digital media and AI

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The Karnataka Media Academy on Monday signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Infosys Ltd. to assist journalists in digital education, skill development, and capacity building.

The training will be taken up under the CSR programme Springboard and is the first in the country, a note from the Chief Minister's Office said. The MoU was signed in the presence of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah. "The media academy will get access to digital content on Springboard, and journalists can benefit from the learning content in the areas of soft skills, personality development, and overview to the latest technologies such as the artificial intelligence. This programme will help journalists in Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities," said Satheesha B. Nanjappa, senior vice-president and head of education, Training and Assessment. The programme aims to train 150 journalists this year and will involve a three-day training that will cover skills for digital media, the use of artificial intelligence, and personality development. One batch will be dedicated to train women journalists under the Gender budget, a note said.

Karnataka Media Academy signed an MoU with Infosys under its flagship CSR programme 'Springboard' to provide training for journalists, in the presence of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah.
SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Goof up by PA of senior police officer costs Punjab sessions court judge dear

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The incident has caused embarrassment to Police Department and State govt.

A Punjab sessions court judge, who was visiting Bengaluru, was duped of ₹12,000 after a staff member in the Criminal Investigation Department shared a fake contact number sourced from Google. According to the complaint, the judge on September 2 contacted the office of Deputy Inspector-General (CID) seeking help to book a room at the State-run Kumara Krupa Guest House.

The Personal Assistant of a senior police officer, instead of checking with the government guest house directly, searched online and passed on a number that turned out to be fraudulent. Trusting the source, the judge transferred ₹12,000 as advance payment, only to discover on arrival on Saturday that no booking had been made, and the phone number was switched off.

The incident has caused embarrassment to the Police Department as well as the State government, with the victim being an official guest from the judiciary. The Central division Cyber Crime police on Saturday, based on the complaint, registered an FIR and have launched a probe.

Cyclothon organised

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To mark the 40th Eye Donation Fortnight, Narayana Nethralaya organised a 'Ride for Sight' cyclothon at its Whitefield Branch on Sunday.

Naren Shetty, director, and Harsha Nagaraj, medical superintendent, flagged off the event.

Timings
BENGALURU

TUESDAY, SEP. 09		
RISE	06:09	SET 18:25
RISE	19:39	SET 07:22
WEDNESDAY, SEP. 10		
RISE	06:09	SET 18:24
RISE	20:23	SET 08:19
THURSDAY, SEP. 11		
RISE	06:09	SET 18:23
RISE	21:10	SET 09:18

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	31	25
Mysuru	29	20
Bengaluru	28	20

Bengaluru Today
26°C The weather will be comfortable. Night will be pleasant. Few spells of moderate to heavy rain and thundershower will occur.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
27°C Morning will be pleasant. Day will be comfortable. Night also will be pleasant. Spell of light rain and thundershower to occur.

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6.17 acres sanctioned for Quantum City at Hesaraghatta, says Minister Boseraju

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The State government has sanctioned a patch of 6.17 acres of land at Hesaraghatta for the establishment of a Quantum City (Q-City), Science and Technology Minister N.S. Boseraju announced on Sunday.

"As we assured at the Bengaluru Quantum Summit, our government, under the visionary leadership of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar and at the initiation of Department of Science and Technology, has sanctioned 6.17 acres of land at Hesaraghatta to set up Quantum City," said the Minister in an X post.

According to him, Q-City will be Karnataka's dedicated hub for state-of-the-art research laboratories, startup incubation, industry-academia collaboration. It will also feature production clusters for quantum hardware and processors and Quantum HPC data centres.

N.S. Boseraju

"This milestone is the start of our bold vision to build a $20 billion Quantum Economy by 2035 to create over 2 lakh direct jobs," he wrote.

Karnataka was aiming to garner a 20% share in the global quantum market, he stated.

"This is a historic step for Karnataka. The Quantum City at Hesaraghatta will attract global talent, investments, and firmly place Bengaluru on the world's quantum map. Build in Karnataka, but will be scaled across India and eventually to transform the world," the Minister added.

Additionally, he said, 8 acres of land have been sanctioned for ICTS-TIFR (International Centre for Theoretical Sciences) to expand research and academic excellence in theoretical sciences – strengthening Bengaluru's position as a global hub for advanced science.

Man held for sexually assaulting minor girl

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BENGALURU

A man was arrested for allegedly sexually assaulting a minor girl on the pretext of offering shelter.

The accused, identified as Nawaz Khan, 24, a farm labourer, befriended the victim when he was living in her neighbourhood at Hoskote. The duo used to chat over the phone frequently. The 17-year-old girl, who was studying in II PU, allegedly ran away from home on August 15 and called Nawaz Khan for help. He gave her shelter at the shed of a farmhouse where he was working. He allegedly sexually assaulted her. Based on a complaint by the girl's parents, the police rescued her and arrested the accused under the POCSO Act.

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Govt. has so far spent ₹97,813 crore on guarantees

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The State government, which rolled out five guarantee schemes in 2023 after coming to power, has so far spent ₹97,813 crore on their implementation.

While the biggest outgo has been for the Gruha Lakshmi scheme which has contributed ₹50,005 crore of the total amount spent on guarantees, 1.64 crore households have benefited from the Gruha Jyothi scheme of free electricity that has seen an outlay of ₹18,139 crore.

The Shakti scheme that entails free travel for women has benefited 544 crore beneficiaries and the government has spent ₹13,903 crore on the scheme.

The Anna Bhagya, which provides for 5 kg free rice per month, has benefited 72.02 crore beneficiaries and the government has spent ₹11,821.17 crore on the scheme.

The Yuva Nidhi, a financial assistance for unemployed graduates and diploma holders, has recorded 2.55 lakh beneficiaries on whom the government spent ₹623 crore.

The State government released the data after Chief Minister Siddaramaiah reviewed the schemes on Monday.

Deceased beneficiaries

He directed officials to remove the names of deceased beneficiaries by drawing up a list at the panchayat level and the information should be passed on to the banks.

Maddur tense during protest called by right-wing outfits

This comes a day after trouble erupted in the town when stones were pelted during a procession for the immersion of a Ganesha idol; hundreds of activists from the BJP as well as the JD(S) had joined the demonstration on Monday

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

Tension prevailed in Maddur town of Mandya district on Monday when a large crowd turned up for a protest march in response to a call by Sangh Parivar outfits. This comes a day after trouble erupted in the town during the immersion of Ganesha idol when stones were pelted, inviting retaliation.

The police have taken 21 persons into custody in connection wtih the stone-pelting incident during the Ganesha procession on Sunday night.

Hundreds of BJP activists and those from its frontal organisations as well as the JD(S) joined the march that went through the thoroughfares of Maddur, shouting slogans against the State government, despite the police announcing prohibitory orders in the town on Monday

The protesters submitted a memorandum to the authorities at the taluk office seeking the arrest of the miscreants who pelted stones at the Ganesha procession.

The protest march was also marred by angry exchanges between the police and the protesters, forcing the security personnel to resort to lathi charge to disperse the crowd.

Earlier in the day, Sangh Parivar organisations called for a bandh to condemn the stone-pelting incident and a large number of shops and business establishments in the town remained closed.

Meanwhile, it was learnt that at least eight persons had suffered injuries in the stone-pelting incident. However, Superintendent of Police, Mandya, Mallikarjun Baladandi said all the injured persons had been discharged from hospital after treatment.

Mr. Baladandi said 21 persons had been into custody over the stone-throwing incident. Some six more persons, who were reportedly involved in the trouble, had been identified and efforts were on to arrest them as well, he added.

Prohibitory orders would remain in force till Tuesday morning and a decision on extending the ban orders would be taken after reviewing the situation.

Crowd control: The march in Maddur on Monday was marred by an exchange of words between the police and the protesters, forcing the security personnel to resort to lathi-charge. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Why did clashes erupt

According to the police, trouble began when the Ganesha procession, which had been taken out from the Tamil colony in Maddur, was passing through Ram Rahim Nagar in the town.

As the procession crossed a mosque in the area, stones were reportedly thrown on the persons dancing in the procession, sparking an immediate retaliation.

However, police personnel prevented a confrontation. But after immersion of the idol, groups began gathering in the town, demanding justice.

Mr. Baladandi said the police had registered two cases relating to the incident. One case had been taken up *suo motu* by the police while an FIR had been lodged by a victim of stone-throwing, he said.

'Poor governance' reason for trouble, says Kumaraswamy

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU/BENGALURU

Union Minister for Heavy Industries and Steel H.D. Kumaraswamy has blamed the "poor governance" by the Congress government in the State for the incident where stones were thrown at a Ganesha idol immersion procession in Maddur town on Sunday, while the BJP spoke of the alleged bias of the government for such an incident and announced that a delegation of party senior leaders would visit Maddur on September 10.

In a statement from New Delhi, Mr. Kumaraswamy, who represents Mandya in the Lok Sabha, criticised the Congress government for acting in a manner that had left the Hindu community in the State "dissatisfied".

Mr. Kumaraswamy, whose JD(S) is an alliance partner of the BJP, said certain forces were trying to set fire to Mandya district and urged the people of the district to thwart such efforts.

He said he had spoken to Mandya Deputy Commissioner Kumar and Superintendent of Police Mallikarjuna Baladandi over phone and instructed them to take strict action against the miscreants.

Recalling an incident reported in Nagamangala last year, Mr. Kumaraswamy said a similiar incident had now disturbed peace in Maddur.

Though such incidents used to occur sporadically in one or two districts, they were now happening regularly across the State after the Congress came to power.

Referring to such "unrest" in the State, Mr. Kumaraswamy said it was clear that the downfall of the Congress was not far away. "If the Congress fails to understand it, it will amount to political suicide by the party," he said.

Meanwhile, JD(S) youth wing president Nikhil Kumaraswamy, who visited Mandya on Monday, condemned the police lathi-charge on the people taking out a protest march in Maddur on Monday in response to a call by pro-Hindutva organisations.

BJP State unit president B.Y. Vijayendra told media persons in Delhi that the Congress government, led by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, had been hurting the sentiments of majority community through various unfair actions.

BJP delegation

He said the BJP delegation which would comprise himself, leaders of the Opposition in both Houses of the State legislature and former Deputy Chief Minister. C.N. Ashwath Narayan, among others, would try to instil confidence among those who have been hurt.

Meanwhile, Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly R. Ashok alleged that atrocities were being committed in the State, including in Maddur, by the communal gang inspired by Mr. Siddaramaiah. He said the BJP would launch a struggle for the protection of Hindus.

Action will be taken against perpetrators of violence: CM

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has blamed the BJP for the incidents in Maddur during the Ganesha idol immersion procession on Sunday and maintained that action would be taken against those who indulged in violence.

"The BJP has the skill to instigate people to unnecessarily form groups and indulge in violence. We will take action against those behind this. We will also take action against people who indulged in violence irrespective of the accused being a Hindu or a Muslim," he told reporters here on Monday.

The Chief Minister said that the police resorted to a mild lathi-charge to disperse a group that had gathered in front of a mosque.

"According to my knowledge, the police acted according to law."

When Agriculture Minister N. Cheluvarayaswamy said that the BJP was indulging in such acts to build their base, the Chief Minister said: "Using communal issue to build politics should not be the job of the political party. It is the BJP which destroys peace in society."

He also pointed out that there had been no violence during Ganesha idol immersion processions anywhere else in the State this year.

State offers to host court-monitored ethical hackathon and audit of EVMs

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Priyank Kharge, Minister for Electronics, Information Technology and Biotechnology, wrote to Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar recently, reminding him of a "constructive solution in the form of a court-monitored ethical hackathon and audit of electronic voter machines (EVMs)", which he had made in an earlier letter to the CEC on December 3, 2024.

Congress campaign

This comes amid a campaign on the alleged voter fraud and partisanship by the Election Commission of India (ECI) taken up by the Congress and the Karnataka government.

In the 2024 letter, Mr. Kharge had proposed a court-monitored hackathon of EVMs.

"While the ECI issued a similar challenge to political parties in 2017, it is important to note that the parties lack the technical expertise to participate effectively. For this exercise to have real value, it must be extended to research institutions like the Indian Institute of Science, IIT, IIIT etc. along with reputed private technology R&D players who possess the necessary technical prowess and resources to meaningfully test the machines," Mr. Kharge said and argued that with a strong technology and R&D ecosystem, "Karnataka was well placed to carry out such a transparent exercise under judicial and industry oversight".

He repeated the proposal this August 21 on X, after the Supreme Court ordered a recount of votes n Buana Lakhu village, Panipat, which eventually overturned the declared result.

Another letter

With no response to his earlier letter, Mr. Kharge wrote to the CEC again this September 6.

"At a time when serious questions are being raised about the independence of institutions and the integrity of our elections, it becomes even more urgent to adopt proposals that improve transparency. Ignoring them only deepens doubts. I therefore urge the commission to act on this proposal at the earliest, in the interest of preserving public trust in our democracy," he wrote.

HC fines 72-year-old woman for filing plea to harass police

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka has imposed a fine of ₹2 lakh on a 72-year-old woman for filing a *habeas corpus* petition by falsely portraying that her son was missing and that the Bengaluru City Police had failed to act properly on her complaint to trace him.

The court found that the petitioner, Maheshwari M. a resident of Indiranagar, was a proxy set up by her "missing" son Kriplani M., to harass the Indiranagar police.

While observing that the petition was filed with an ulterior motive by misusing the liberty granted under the Constitution, a Division Bench comprising Justice Anu Sivaraman and Justice Rajesh Rai K. deprecated the petitioner's conduct in approaching the court with unclean hands.

She had withdrawn her first petition on illegal detention of her son and later filed the present petition alleging that despite submitting a complaint to the State police chief, the police failed to trace him.

It was also claimed that the Indiranagar police had earlier manhandled her son resulting in injuries. After the High Court ordered notice to the police on her petition, sleuths of the Koramangala police station traced her son to a hotel in Chennai and produced him before the court.

The Koramangala police also informed the court that Mr. Kriplani abused them.

The Bench refrained from making any further comments on the conduct of the parties and the advocate, while cautioning that contempt of court proceedings would be initiated if the fine was not paid on time.

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The last date and time of receipt of tender is : **13.10.2025** upto **4.00 pm.**
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Time schedule of "SECOND ROUND" of UP NEET UG Counseling-2025 (M.B.B.S./B.D.S.)

In accordance with the schedule issued by the Medical Counseling Committee (MCC), New Delhi for the NEET UG course, the schedule for the second round of online counseling for admission of state quota seats in undergraduate courses (MBBS/BDS) in government/ private medical/ dental colleges/institutions/ medical universities is as follows :-

S.No.	Description	Dates	Total Days
1.	Date of online registration and uploading of documents	From : 10.09.2025 (05:00 PM) To : 15.09.2025 (11:00 AM)	05 days
2.	Date of depositing registration and security money	From : 10.09.2025 (11:00 AM) To : 15.09.2025 (02:00 PM)	06 days
3.	Date of Merit List Declaration	On : 15.09.2025	01 day
4.	Date of On-line Choice filling	From : 15.09.2025 (05:00 PM) To : 18.09.2025 (05:00 PM)	03 days
5.	Date of Allotment Result Declaration	On : 19.09.2025	01 day
6.	Date for downloading the allotment letters & admission	From : 20.09.2025 to 26.09.2025	07 days

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Submit your completed finished rates, excluding of GST prevailing at the time of your quotation to the undersigned before **12-09-2025.** This quotation rates are purely **for preparation of estimate/budgetary purpose only.**
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OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

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We deeply mourn the passing of our beloved uncle
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111 persons have died in rain-related incidents since April 1 in Karnataka

According to government data, compensation of ₹5 lakh each has been given to the families of the deceased. Over the last five months, 651 houses were completely damaged in the rains

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

As many as 111 persons have lost their lives in rain-related incidents in Karnataka between April 1 and September 7, even as the government has estimated the compensation to be around ₹561 crore.

According to data provided by the government, compensation of ₹5 lakh each has been given to the family of the deceased. Over the last five months, 651 houses were completely damaged and 9,087 were partially damaged. The rains also took a toll on 344 big animals and 766 small animals. The government has also spent about ₹2.28 crore on clothing and providing utensils to 4,600 families.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Monday reviewed the relief measures taken with respect to rain-related losses with Deputy Commissioners and chief executive officers of zilla panchayats, along with several Cabinet Ministers and district in-charge Ministers through a videoconference.

Pointing to rainfall being erratic this year, he said: "Bidar has received 1% less rainfall than normal, but some districts have received 22 cm rainfall causing crop loss and damage to infrastructure. I have instructed all DCs to submit a report after a joint survey within a week."

When asked if the State would seek compensation from the Centre, he said: "We have not asked the Centre since they have not given what we should get. Responses should be natural in federal structure. Also, we should seek compensation even if there is drought. Even in Chamarajanagar, we are hopeful the deficit will be overcome this month," he said.

The State has seen sowing completed on 80.76 lakh hectares as against the target of 82.5 lakh hectares. A note from the Revenue Minister's office said that during the past five years, sowing average had remained 74.97 lakh hectares. When compared to the past five-year average, the sowing percentage was 108%, it added.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah chairing a meeting to review rain damage, in Bengaluru on Monday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Monsoon loss

As per the preliminary estimate, since June 1, crop loss has been reported in 5.2 lakh hectares, including 4.8 lakh hectares of agricultural crops and .40 lakh hectares of horticultural crops, even as joint surveys are in progress.

Eight crest gates ready to be installed

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The tender process has been completed to replace 32 crest gates at the Tungabhadra reservoir and eight crest gates are ready to be installed.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said that water for only the first crop is available and water will not be available for second crop since the crest gates have to be replaced.

The Tungabhadra Dam Board has been urged to complete the process before the next monsoon.

The worst-affected district has been Kalaburagi where crops on 1.05 lakh hectares have been lost followed by Gadag with crop loss in 1.01 lakh hectares.

During the monsoon, 683 km of State highways, 1,383 km of major district roads, and 5,558 km of village roads were damaged, along with 656 bridges/culverts, 1,877 schools, 160 primary health centres, 1,018 anganwadis, and 31 minor irrigation tanks.

'Military preparedness increasingly tied to satellite-enabled capabilities'

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Air Marshal Tejinder Singh was speaking at the inaugural day of the International Conference on Space in Bengaluru

Air Marshal Tejinder Singh, Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Indian Air Force (IAF) Training Command on Monday said that with military preparedness increasingly tied to satellite-enabled capabilities, the IAF is fast tracking its focus on space as a critical operational domain.

Air Marshal Singh, speaking at the inaugural day of the International Conference on Space, said that space is the new high ground and modern warfare depends on satellite-based intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance (ISR), navigation and communication.

Air Marshal Singh also spoke about how real-time satellite data has been indispensable for target tracking and post-strike assessments during recent operations like Operation Sindoor.

He also spoke about the ongoing plans to expand satellite constellations from the present 12 operational satellites to 78 satellites by the year 2031 and to also enhance ISR and regional Positioning, Navigation, and Timing services through the Naval Constellation which is set to operational by the year 2027.

Indian astronauts Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla and Group Captain Prashanth Balakrishnan Nair also participated in the conference on Monday.

This was their first public participation in Bengaluru after the successful completion of the Axiom-4 mission.

Both Shukla and Nair are astronaut-designates for India's Gaganyaan mission. While Shukla was the pilot for the Axiom-4 mission to the International Space Station (ISS) Nair was his back up for the mission.

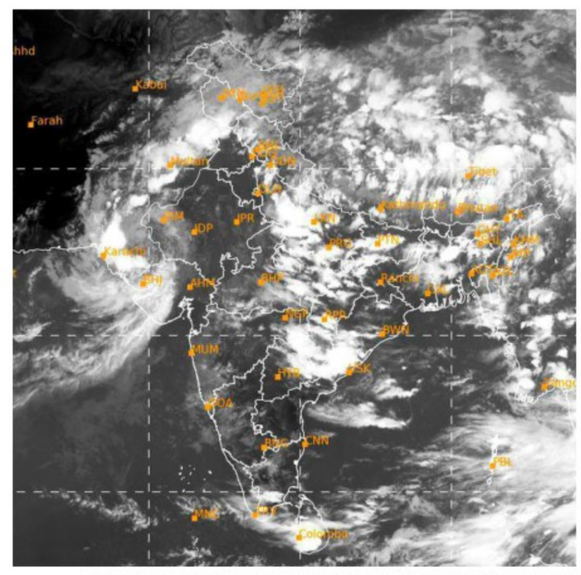
The duo shared details about the training for the Axiom- 4 mission and the enthusiasm it has evoked among Indian's especially school children.

Shukla spoke about India-long term plans which include the Gaganyaan mission, establishing the space station and landing on the moon by 2040 for which India would require a pool of 40 to 50 astronauts.

Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology, Jitendra Singh speaking virtually at the inaugural session of the conference said that India is entering a transformative phase in its space journey, with ambitious goals ranging from a space station by 2035 to landing an Indian astronaut on the Moon by 2040.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



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Forecast for Tuesday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Saurashtra & Kutch, Rajasthan, Bihar, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, Sikkim, Sub Himalayan West Bengal, Chhattisgarh, coastal Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Kerala and Mahe

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	0.2	33.4	26.8	Kozhikode	—	32.6	25.6
Ahmedabad	51	31.4	24.0	Kurnool	—	33.4	24.0
Aizawl	—	32.3	23.0	Lucknow	—	33.0	26.8
Allahabad	13	36.0	24.6	Madurai	11	36.5	25.5
Bengaluru	0.1	29.2	20.7	Mangaluru	11	29.7	23.0
Bhopal	—	31.5	22.4	Mumbai	11	30.1	24.2
Bhubaneswar	—	34.6	24.5	Mysuru	—	31.0	18.0
Chandigarh	—	34.5	24.9	New Delhi	—	35.6	23.9
Chennai	—	35.3	27.6	Patna	3	34.7	28.0
Coimbatore	—	33.8	23.4	Port Blair	7.8	29.0	24.7
Dehradun	0.6	32.6	23.4	Puducherry	—	35.4	23.0
Gangtok	67	22.6	18.4	Pune	2	29.2	22.1
Goa	—	30.5	25.2	Raipur	35	31.9	22.5
Guwahati	—	33.5	26.0	Ranchi	—	33.0	23.4
Hubballi	—	28.0	20.0	Shillong	12	—	17.4
Hyderabad	—	32.6	22.8	Shimla	—	24.6	19.4
Imphal	—	31.2	24.7	Srinagar	6	21.5	17.0
Jaipur	7	31.7	23.8	Thiruvananthapuram	—	32.6	25.0
Kochi	—	29.8	26.2	Tiruchi	—	36.8	25.4
Kohima	9	21.8	19.3	Vijayawada	—	36.8	26.4
Kolkata	—	35.4	28.0	Visakhapatnam	3	32.6	25.0

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO₂	NO₂	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	8	12	24	47	65	
Bengaluru	11	12	38	42	117	
Chennai	15	22	128	17	50	
Delhi	34	30	76	114	106	
Hyderabad	20	26	30	102	95	
Kolkata	5	75	18	65	66	
Lucknow	16	37	156	—	54	
Mumbai	13	36	32	45	79	
Pune	—	37	82	36	54	
Visakhapatnam	12	48	23	60	81	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 251 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Shillong, Meghalaya recorded a healthy AQI score of 8

Air Quality Code: Poor | Moderate | Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO₂: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO₂: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

E-Swathu: Publish final guidelines, Priyank tells officials

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (RDPR) officials have been directed to publish the final guidelines to implement E-Swathu in gram panchayat limits across the State.

RDPR Minister Priyank Kharge, who suggested certain changes to the draft guidelines, gave the officials a week to notify the final guidelines.

A note from his office said that a discussion on Monday revolved around tax rate and fees and process to impose them, and tax on land and buildings, among others.

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice No. HE-TRD-2025-26-OT -07-1 Dated : 02.09.2025

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites Tender for the following work.

Item of Work	Approx.Value
Comprehensive Annual Maintenance of SCADA system for SYNERGY make remote terminal units of Ballari-Hosapete as per RDSO Specification No. I/SPC/RCC/SCADA/0133 for 4 years.	Rs. 95,33,184/-

Last date for Submission of bids : **Upto 13.00 hrs on 30.09.2025**

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Publication of E-Tender Notice No. CAO/CN/BNC/138/2025 Dated: 03-09-2025

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tenders for the following work:

Item of work	Approx. Value
Bagalkot-Kudachi New BG Line Project: Construction of Station building, TM rest house, Labour and Merchant rooms, platforms, FOB, PF Shelter, drainage, Extension of Minor bridges and RUB, laying and linking of three loop lines and other miscellaneous works at Kerkalmatti station including electrical works. (COMPOSITE TENDER) **(Tender Ref. No.: BGK-KUD-48)**	Rs. 37,48,63,558/-

Date of closing of Tender is : **Upto 15:00 hrs on 25-09-2025**

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E-(IREPS) Tender Notice No. 27 UBL 2025-26 Dated: 03-09-2025

Sl.	Name of Work	Approx. Value
1	**Hubballi Division :-** Proposed recreation facility a Railway Officers Club, Hubballi	Rs. 1,60,61,076/-

Last date for submission of bids:**Upto 11:00 Hrs. on 18-09-2025**

E-(IREPS) Tender Notice No. 28 UBL 2025-26 Dated: 03-09-2025

1	**Hubballi Division:**Supply of Cess Ballast at Bannihatti (BNHT) yard under Senior Divisional Engineer /East/Jurisdiction.	Rs. 1,15,12,800/-
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2	Additional Professor (Radiation Oncology)	1-UR
3	Assistant Professor (Hepatology)	1-UR
4	Consultant (Hepatology) Grade IV	3-UR, 1-OBC, 1-SC
5.	Physicist	1-UR

Corrigendum - The post of Financial Advisor published in advertisement dated 25.08.2025 is withdrawn.

The last date of receipt of applications is **20th September, 2025. For further details and other posts of faculty and non-faculty, please visit** http://www.ilbs.in. **Head Operations (Non Medical), ILBS**

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I, RAVIKIRAN Ashok Sanap, S/o Ashok Sanap, R/at No. Shivanna Complex, Kodagalahalli, Hosahalli Road, Bangalore-562157, have changed my sons name from Akhilesh to Akhilesh Ravikiran Sanap vide affidavit dated 03-09-2025 sworn before XXXVIII Addl. Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bangalore City.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE PRL. SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE : AT NELAMANGALA
O.S. No. 695/2022
Between : SRI. SHIVARAJU ...PLAINTIFF
And : SRI. SIDDARAJU & OTHERS ...DEFENDANTS

MR. KUNAL KANAIYALAL BHANUSHALI, Aged about 38 years, S/o. Kanaiyalal Dayalji Bhanushali, Sai Sati Krupa, Tambe Nagar, Sarojini Naidu Road, Mulund (West), Mumbai-400 080. **...DEFENDANT No.5**

MR. VEERENDRA PRATHAPRAJ MEHTA, Major, S/o. Pratapraj M. Mehta, No. 14, South Park Road, 1st Cross, Nehrunagar, Opp. Govedhannath Haveli, Bangalore - 560 020. **...DEFENDANT No.6**

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT NO. 5 AND 6 UNDER ORDER V RULE 20(1) OF CODE CIVIL PROCEDURE:

MR. KUNAL KANAIYALAL BHANUSHALI, Aged about 38 years, S/o. Kanaiyalal Dayalji Bhanushali, Sai Sati Krupa, Tambe Nagar, Sarojini Naidu Road, Mulund (West), Mumbai-400 080. **...DEFENDANT No.5**

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WHEREAS, the plaintiff have filed above case against the above defendants, seeking relief of partition and declaration and other reliefs in respect of suit schedule property.

Wherefore, the above Defendant No. 5 and 6 are hereby summoned to appear before I ADDL. SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE at Nelamangala Dated **on 3.11.2025 at about 11.00 A.M** in person or through a pleader to answer the above case.

Take summons that in default of your appearance on the date of above mentioned, the suit will be heard and determined in your absence and case will be disposed off, in accordance with law.

Given under my hand and seal of this Hon'ble Court dated on 3rd day of September 2025.

By order of the Court,
Sheristedar, Court of Senior Civil Judge & JMFC, Nelamangala.
Advocate for Plaintiff :
RAGHU. V.L, Advocate
No. 792/1, 1st Floor, C.M. Nivas,
T. Dasarahalli, Bengaluru-57.
Ph. No. 9980311276

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE MOTOR ACCIDENTS CLAIMS TRIBUNAL (SPECIAL DISTRICT JUDGE), DHARMAPURI (TAMILNADU)
M.C.O.P. No. 363 of 2024

1) PAPPATHI
2) S.SARAVANAN
3) S.SENTHIL
4) C.SANGEETHA
Petitioners residing at Vadakku Theru, Vanavareddy Village, Thentherasaloor Post, Kallakurichi Taluk & District (TN) **...Petitioners**

//Versus//

NTC LOGISTICS INDIA PVT. LTD., 3rd Floor, 139, Unit 211, Oxford Towers, Old Airport Road, Kodihalli, Bangalore-8. **...1st Respondent**

NOTICE TO 1st RESPONDENT

The above M.C.O.P. case is filed for Death of 1st Petitioner's son S.Ravi, met with an accident occured on 11.05.2024 by your company lorry bearing Regn. No. KA01-AM-6603. The above case is posted on 19.09.2025 for your appearance. If you have got any objection, you can appear in person or through your Advocate. Failing which exparte order will be passed against you in the above case.

//By Order of the Court//
Lr.A.P.MURUGHAN, B.A, LLB.,
Advocate Ms.No.1680/2013,
Friends Associates, Dharmapuri-636701.

TENDERS

E-AUCTION NOTICE

e-Auction forms are invited for Disposal of Fire-Affected Lot-1 Approx. 7.20 MT Brass Scrap, Lot-2: Approx. 2.9 MT M.S. Scrap (Links & Boxes), Lot-3: Approx. 1.8 MT (2 Nos) Burnt Machines, & Lot-4: Approx. 73.78 MT of Copper Scrap (Damaged Burnt Projectiles with Lead) Salvage to be sold on a per MT basis and "As Is Where Is" basis, belonging to M/s. Hughes Precision Manufacturing Pvt Ltd, Add- Plot OP-33, Verna Industrial Estate, Phase IV, Goa-403722.Contact Person- Mr. Gurpreet Singh Mobile No. 9518576798.Inspection can be done: up to 24/09/2025 with prior appointment.Date of e-Auction is 25/09/2025 from 02 PM Onwards. e-Auction Form with Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) to be submitted latest by 24/09/2025 up to 6 PM at the auctioneer's address. E-Auction Portal is www.thesalvagebids.com , visit and register yourself. For Inquiries please contact: -

Mr. Prem Roy - 9811990540
Mr. Vishal Singh - 9811990213

The Salvage Bids, H2,office no. 303, 3rd Floor, Apra Northex Plaza, Netaji Subhash Place, Delhi-34

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that my clients **1.Mr. SHAIK MOHAMMED ABDUL RAZAK,** Aged about 69 Years, S/o. Mr. Shaik Mohammed Saleha, Residing at No.57/101-B, Bhattu Street, Rayachoti, Cuddapah District, Andhra Pradesh-516269. **2.Mr. SHAIK MOHAMMED FAHEEM NAWAZ,** Aged about 44 Years,S/o. Mr. Shaik Mohammed Abdul Razak, Residing at No.15/15-15, Sunshine Hospital, CTM Road, Beside GRT Jewellery, Madanapalli, Annamayya District, Andhra Pradesh-517325 have entered a sale agreement with **Mr. UDAY BHASKAR KANDULA,** Aged about 48 Years, S/o. Mr.Kandula Subba Rao, Residing at: No. 329, Aditya Nagar, Kukatpally, K.V.Rangareddy, Hyderabad, Telangana-500085, in respect of the schedule property which is more fully described in the schedule given below. If any persons claiming or objections or rights with regard to the Schedule Property they are required to send the same with documentary evidence within **Fifteen (15) days** from the date of this Public Notice hereof my clients shall be at liberty to proceed with the sale deed if there is no any claims or objection in the regard to the Schedule Property within the stipulated time.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Site No.146, E-PID No.6713604043, Khatha No.739/161, (formerly Southern Portion of Site No.146, Joint Khatha No.161) Layout is formed out of Converted Survey No.11 and portion of Survey Nos.10 and 13, (now as per the Survey Records the Site No.146 following in the **Survey No.10/3**), duly converted for Agricultural to Non Agricultural Residential Purpose vide conversion Nos.ALN.SR.1781, Dated.18/12/1969, ALN.SR.2247/1971-72, Dated.16/05/1975, ALN.SR.2149/1971-72, Dated.16/05/1975, ALN.SR.1784, Dated.05/12/1969, ALN.SR.2251/1971-72, Dated.16/05/1975, ALN.SR.2241/1971-72, Dated.16/05/1975, ALN.SR.2245/1971-72, Dated.16/05/1975 ALN.SR.2256/1971-72, Dated.16/05/1975, ALN.SR.2248/1971-72, Dated.19/05/1975, ALN.SR.2253/1971-72, Dated.16/05/1975 and ALN.SR.2243/1971-72, Dated.16/05/1975 issued by the Tahasildar, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru, Situated at **"PRASHANTH RESIDENTIAL LAYOUT"** Pattandur Agrahara Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bangalore Urban District,Now comes under the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Ward No.83, Measuring East to West 40 Feet and North to South 45 feet in total Measuring 1800 Square feet, together with all appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and bounded by:-

East by : 20 feet wide Road,
West by : Site No.147,
North by : 20 feet Wide Road,
South by : Site No.164,
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T.RAMESH KUMAR & MANJULA RAMESH Advocates
No.1, Alisa Arcade, Near Vijaya Bank, Old Madras Road, K.R.Puram, Bengaluru-560036. Ph.No.9845601026
Bengaluru Date : 09-09-2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform to general public that my client, **Sri. Prakashanath Swamiji @ Shekarappa S/o. Honnegowda,** Aged about 59 years, Residing at No.CA-17, 1st 'B' Main Road, Vijayanagar, Bangalore - 560 040, having lost the Original Consent deed document No.KEN-I-10122/2012-13, Book I, CD No.KEND513, in the office of the Sub Registrar, Kengeri, dated 07.01.2013, in respect of Item No.1 & Registered Consent deed document No.KEN-I-1118/2013-14, Book I, CD No.KEND526, in the office of the Sub Registrar, Kengeri, dated 02.05.2013, in respect of Item No.II, in respect of the below mentioned Schedule Properties.

SCHEDULE PROPERTIES:

Item No.I and 2, same boundary. All the piece and parcel of the land in new **Sy.No.169, (old Sy.No.98/8),** measuring **2 Acres**, situated at **Kumbalagodu Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore** and bounded on : **East by : land belongs to Sulaiman, West by : Road, North by : Fish Factory & South by : Sy.No.168 Kumbalagodu Village Land.**

Sri. Prakashanath Swamiji @ Shekarappa has sworn to an affidavit dated 08.09.2025 before the notary and also has filed a complaint before the Bangalore City Police Station, Bangalore, on 25.08.2025, with Lost Report No.1769464/2025 & 1769487/2025, that effect. Any persons who found the said documents may please be handed over the same to below mentioned address within **15 days.**

Meenakshi B.R., Advocate
Gururaya Law Chambers
At : # 33, Rayara Kuteera, Varasiddinagar, Andhralli Main Road Peenya, Bangalore – 560 058.
Mob No. 9113088656,
Email – adv.meena17@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client is **Smt. Ambika,** W/o. Madhu, aged about 47 years, R/at. No. 49, 8th Main Road, Manjunath Nagar, Rajaji Nagar, Bengaluru-560 010, has lost the original Sale Deed dated 09/01/2006, vide Document No. BLN-1-17109/2005-06, registered in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru. The said Sale Deed was executed by Sri. Munishamaiah, in favour of my client in respect of the land bearing Site No. 5, Assessment No. 41/1A3, measuring East to West 116 feet and North to South 100 feet, situated at Kariobanahalli Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk. The documents went missing while my client was travelling on a bus from Manjunath Nagar to Magadi Road. Despite diligent search, the said documents could not be traced, and accordingly, my client has lodged online complaints before the Police Station vide Lost Report No. 1781562/2025. If any person finds the above-mentioned document, they are requested to hand it over to the undersigned. Despite this public notice, if anyone misuses the said documents, my client shall not be responsible in any manner whatsoever, and no person shall acquire any right, title, or interest in the property mentioned therein. Any person who is in possession of the aforesaid documents is hereby called upon to return them to the undersigned within SEVEN DAYS from the date of this publication.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the land bearing Site No. 5, Assessment No. 41/1A3, measuring East to West 116 feet and North to South 100 feet, situated at Kariobanahalli Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, and bounded on:- **EAST BY :** Site No. 2, **WEST BY :** Private Property, **NORTH BY :** Property of Sanjay Kumar, **SOUTH BY :** Road.

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BENGALURU, DATED : 08.09.2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Smt. G. Krithika, D/o Sri. Gangadharan. S, is the true and absolute owner of the Apartment No-302, constructed on the site bearing 8EM-242, BBMP Khata No. 8EM-242, PID No. 88-250-8EM-242, HBR LAYOUT, 1ST BLOCK, BENGALURU, morefully described in the schedule here under and herein after referred to as the schedule property. The schedule property was gifted to my client by her mother, Smt. Karunambal. A., vide the registered Gift Deed dated 31 July 2021, and my client is residing in the schedule property along with her husband and two children.

One Smt. Kala Devi. D wife of R Naresh Kumar and her son Rahul. N the tenants under my client's mother, in respect of the 2BHK portion in the 1st floor of the premises bearing No-4, Standage Road, Frazer Town, Bangalore-560005, having befriended my client, are confidence tricksters, they have fraudulently and clandestinely created an absolute sale deed dated 09/07/2025, Registered as Document No-1671/2025 at S.R. Shivajinagar, Bangalore whereby the schedule property is alleged to have been sold to them by my client and that my client has received the sale consideration indicated in the said document. It is to be placed on record that no sale consideration as indicated therein has passed on to my client. The amount mentioned in the sale deed as the sale consideration is not genuine, it is an outcome of a false and fabricated scheme created by them, with Malafide and nefarious intention to cheat and deprive my client of her valuable property. My client is in lawful possession of the schedule property and the original gift deed is in the possession of my client. It transpires that after the alleged fraudulent sale, certain persons claiming to be agents of Bank/Financial Institution/Wonder Home Finance, HO in U P and Branch at Jayanagar Bangalore and M/s. Adroit Technical Services, Jayanagar, Bangalore also have on 29/8/2025 visited/inspected the schedule property to enquire as to who is in possession of the schedule property and they indicated to my client who was in possession of the schedule property, that the aforesaid Kala Devi. D and her son Rahul. N have staked a claim over the schedule property and have made attempts to raise a loan on the strength of the False and Fabricated sale deed dated 9th July 2025. They were informed that my client is the true and absolute owner in peaceful possession and enjoyment of the schedule property, and is living in there in with her family members, and that the claim of the said Kala Devi. D and her son Rahul. N is absolutely false.

Thus, General Public, Banks and other Financial Institutions are hereby put on caution that the alleged sale deed dated 09/07/2025 is a false and fabricated document, and not to deal with the said Kala Devi. D and her son Rahul. N in any manner what so ever with the respect to the schedule property and that My client shall not be held responsible to any person, Bank or Institution if any transactions are made with respect to the schedule property with the afore said persons. My client has initiated appropriate legal action and has also initiated steps to prosecute the afore said persons for offences of cheating, causing wrongful loss, etc., to her in this regard

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Residential Apartment and bearing Flat No-302, 3rd floor of the apartment building known as "Shri Sai Sankalp Apartment" measuring about 1440 square feet, super built-up area with one covered car parking space with 318 square feet undivided interest in the landed property being the BDA site no 8EM-242 (BBMP Khata PID NO 88-250-8EM-242 measuring East to West: 21.35 Meters (21.25 + 21.451/2 and North to South 12.20 meters, and totally measuring 260.47 Square Meters (2803 Square Feet)), HRBR LAYOUT, 1ST BLOCK, BENGALURU, and bounded on the: East by: 20 Site No. 9M-241; West by: 8 E' Main Road; North by: Site No. 8EM-244; South By: Site No.8EM-240.

P B Raju, Advocate
Dated: 08/09/2025 843/A, 100 Ft. Road, Indiranagar, Bangalore-560038

Ranking pitfalls

NIRF should help improve both quality and equity in higher education

India Rankings (IR) 2025, based on the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF), held few surprises. As in previous years, older public institutions with a history of academic excellence dominated the top spots. Since its inception in 2016, the number of participating institutions has grown significantly, from 3,565 to 14,163, and the scope has expanded from four categories to 17, spanning a wide range of higher education sectors. However, the ranking parameters are still far from perfect. Institutions are evaluated based on five key parameters: teaching, learning, and resources (30%), research and professional practice (30%), graduation outcomes (20%), outreach and inclusivity or OI (10%), and peer perception (10%). Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan is right in his scepticism about the peer perception parameter as this is feedback gathered from subject experts and employers. It can be subjective and prone to influence and prejudice, as it relies more on an institution's reputation than its actual reputability, often to the disadvantage of suburban or State-run higher education institutions. As it accounts for 10% of the total weight, it can skew rankings. A review is thus necessary.

As with any global ranking, the NIRF has its own set of flaws. While it claims to rely on verifiable metrics and third-party audits of research, it depends heavily on bibliometric data and self-declared inputs from institutions. Of concern is the treatment of the OI parameter. The NIRF booklet on the IR focuses only on outcomes related to regional and gender diversity. It conspicuously omits data on students who are economically and socially disadvantaged and with disabilities, despite these factors each having a 20% weightage within the OI component. The fact that OI is not adequately prioritised is evident: only Jawaharlal Nehru University and the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, are among the top 10 institutions with OI scores above 70. This is troubling as access to higher education remains restricted for marginalised communities. The NIRF must expand the scope of OI to include institutional adherence to communal reservation policies in faculty recruitment. Central institutions continue to fall short in filling vacancies for the OBC, SC and ST categories. Such affirmative action is crucial for India's progress as an egalitarian nation. Also, the IR must become more than just an annual, ritualistic event. Its insights should be used to address deep-rooted issues such as India's regional imbalances; shortage of faculty with doctoral qualifications outside the top 100 institutions; over 58% of management institutions reporting zero research publications, and the need for legacy institutions to mentor emerging ones. Above all, there must be action against institutions that submit false data. Without course correction, the NIRF risks becoming a mere ranking platform that allows private institutions to develop themselves as brands, doing little to improve the overall quality and equity in higher education.

Hockey glory

India remains the team to beat in Asia, but the real challenges are elsewhere

As Harmanpreet Singh lifted the Asia Cup under a fire-lit Rajgir night sky, it was a reassertion of India's continental dominance in hockey. India now holds all three continental titles – the Asian Games, Asian Champions Trophy (ACT) and the Asia Cup – becoming the first men's team to achieve this. This was India's fourth Asia Cup title, one away from Korea, whom they comprehensively defeated in the final. The win on Sunday also assures India of a spot at next year's World Cup, jointly hosted by Belgium and The Netherlands. But it was the way India grew in the tournament that lends hope for a better performance than its recent outings in Europe. The start was none too impressive with the Indians huffing their way to narrow wins in the sweltering, sticky heat of Bihar, which made it evident that the tournament was a showstopper ahead of the Assembly election later this year. But as they got used to the conditions and found their rhythm, the Indians got better. When in free flow, the Indians are a pleasure to watch. As the World No. 7 team and the only Asian side in the top-10, they were expected to cruise to the title, but sporting success is decided on the field of play, not rankings on an excel sheet.

Which is why China, despite a ranking of 22 and finishing fourth, is being considered a serious challenger and a Los Angeles 2028 Olympics hopeful. Or why Korea, despite no great results in recent times, adjusted, adapted and tested India to the maximum. A below-par performance just before the Asia Cup, in Europe, where India lost seven of its eight FIH Pro League games, and an average tour of Australia meant that the players came to Rajgir high on preparation but low on results. The title now gives India a whole year to plan and prepare for one of the most hectic but crucial phases for Indian hockey. The World Cup and the Asian Games next year are scheduled less than a month apart. Coach Craig Fulton is aware of the challenges. The win did not see him hopping with joy; instead, he was calculated in his evaluation of the team, continuing to insist that the bigger task will be against the big boys of Europe and Australia. In the 28 months that he has been in charge, Fulton has racked up an impressive record – two ACTs, the Asiad, an Olympic bronze and now the Asia Cup. The road ahead will be tough but the team seems to have got its mojo.

The 'domestic sphere' in a new India

Brinda Karat

is a senior leader of the CPI(M)

Under the present regime, when a myriad socio-economic and political challenges confront the people of India, developments in the "domestic sphere" are often put on the back burner in agendas of resistance. This allows those who are in power to hijack the concept of "nari shakti" and make claims of "women-led development" even as they keep intact an entirely regressive approach to women in the "domestic sphere". The latest example of this is a statement by the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) chief, in August 2025, where he said that in order to ensure the "survival of the civilization", families need to have at least three children – as though women are reproduction machines with little or no choice. It would have been more appropriate for Mohan Bhagwat to have spoken about the survival of families and, specifically, of women within the home.

An inexplicable silence

An average of 7,000 women have died every year, from 2017 to 2022, in horrendous cases where they are burnt – legally known as dowry deaths. So, 35,000 women are dead – it is not only their *sindoor* that has been wiped out; a woman's life has been terminated. The National Family Health Survey-5 noted that 30% of the women surveyed reported violence by an intimate partner but only 14% made a police complaint. A third of the over 4.45 lakh cases of registered crimes against women are of domestic violence. But have you heard even one word being spoken by even a single RSS or Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader, man or woman, against violence within the home? These are the people who are loud and clear in speaking against consensual inter-community relationships – which they term as love jihad – but never say a word about any instance of violence within the home or within the community as this would not fit in with the majoritarian ideology based on the Manu Smriti which they expound.

There has been little change since the days when the *manuvadi* forefathers of those now in power railed against B.R. Ambedkar for the "demolition of Hindu ideology", for his proposals in the Hindu Reform Bills granting women the right to divorce and abolishing caste as a requirement for a valid marriage. Cultures that pressurise women to stay in violent marriages, to "adjust" because of the sacramental nature of marriage", that condone, through their silence, so-called honour crimes in self-choice inter-caste marriages are intrinsic to the ideological platform of the Hindutva eco-system today. We can see this in efforts to dilute laws against domestic violence in the name of "misuse" and also the official argument in the Supreme Court case opposing the demand to criminalise marital rape as being "against the institution of marriage" and "Indian culture".

> The policies of the government have an impact on the 'domestic sphere' and need to be called out as women in India face gross discrimination

Another aspect of the "domestic sphere" – the work women do within and outside the home – has been highlighted by the recent Time Use survey (TUS) 2024. The percentage of men and women in different activities has been calculated using the average age of all those surveyed. Taking the age group (15-59 years) of all the women surveyed, 25% were in "employment and related activities" working an average of five hours. The percentage of women working in family enterprises was 23%; women in this category put in a little less than two hours of work. The work done in these two categories is recognised to be economically productive and is included in the System of National Accounts (SNA). The corresponding data for men are an average of 75% men in the first category, working on an average of eight hours a day. In family enterprises, 14% of men work for an average of two hours a day. That is the end of the work day for the majority of men.

Women and the burden of work

The TUS lists two other work-related categories – unpaid domestic services (cooking, cleaning, washing) and unpaid caregiving services. Here, 93% of all women put in an average of seven hours a day in the first category and 41% of women put in two and a half hours in unpaid domestic care. The corresponding figure for men is that 70% of men do not do any domestic work. The 30% who do domestic work, put in less than one and a half hours a day. In the unpaid caregiving category, 79% of men do no "unpaid caregiving" while the 21% who do, put in an average of an hour and 14 minutes a day. If one takes the average for all men, one has this data: in the "domestic sphere" men do 26 minutes of domestic work in a day and less than 16 minutes of unpaid care giving.

The TUS has other categories but taking them all together, the conclusion is that the total working hours put in by women are more than men, and that women spend less time in eating, sleeping, and leisure than men. These are the basics. Further analysis will show the division of work in different income groups, especially for Scheduled Tribes and Scheduled Caste men and women. Such a study would reveal the class and caste differences in the use of time, with women of the labouring classes shouldering a disproportionately higher share of work than men.

One has to look at the utter hypocrisy of the Narendra Modi government in its presentation of the survey findings. Months before the full report was published, the official government agency, the Press Information Bureau, in its press release dated February 25, 2025 (with a summary of the survey) headlined it as: "More acknowledgement of care-giving activities regardless of gender in Indian families". Further, the inequalities in time use were sought to be glorified with the line, "...This corroborates the Indian social fabric wherein most of the care-giving responsibilities for household members are borne by the females of the household." As far as the official viewpoint of the BJP government is concerned, that men give any time at all for care-giving, even if it is for an average of just 15 minutes, shows the greatness of the "Indian family", and that women do three times the work in domestic and care-giving as men is something to be proud of – i.e., the Indian social fabric.

In an extension of this approach to public policy, the millions of women who take on the responsibility of child-care services in anganwadi, mid-day meal services and as Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHA), are considered to be "social volunteers" and not workers. They are given a measly amount as an honorarium and not as a minimum wage. Finally, they are not recognised as government employees. Thus, what is considered to be a "natural" task for women in the domestic sphere gets translated into low-wage work in care services in the public sphere.

A gross undervaluation

Such an approach suits the capitalist too. The State Bank of India, in a survey in 2023, showed that if unpaid work done by women was monetised it would amount to over 7% of the country's GDP or ₹22.5 lakh crore a year. It also points to the undervaluation of the essential role played by a woman's unpaid domestic work in the social reproduction of labour. Her work is not considered when a minimum wage is fixed. Typically, such a wage covers the bare subsistence needs of a worker and family, to keep him healthy enough to work the next day too. This "subsistence " level is actually subsidised by the woman's unaccounted for and invisibilised domestic and care-giving work. The invisible component of a woman's domestic work is what keeps the cost of subsistence and wages low. Thus, the struggle for a fair minimum wage has a direct relation to recognition of the invisible work that women do.

The policies of the government have a direct impact on the "domestic sphere" and need to be called out. The alternative lies in: first, cultural, social and policy interventions to prevent and eliminate violence against women within families; second, the equal right to work of men and women as primary workers with equal wages; third, the provision of easily accessible universal facilities for the care of children and the aged provided by the state; fourth, the provision of quality health care and education facilities; fifth, the promotion of cultures which encourage the sharing of domestic responsibility between men and women as opposed to the "social fabric" argument of the right-wing forces, and finally, justice to all scheme workers in child care and health services for minimum wages and benefits as government employees.

Iran and India, ancient civilisations and new horizons

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The world is undergoing a profound change. Many call this a "time of transition," while others label it as a "crisis of the Western-led international order.". What is clear is that the global system, long dominated by western powers, especially the United States, now faces serious challenges.

We see blatant violations of international law, the unchecked use of force, trade wars, a disregard for global institutions, manipulation of the media, and irreversible destruction of the environment. These are not isolated incidents but signs of a deeper crisis. The West, led by the U.S., no longer holds the same ability to dictate its own will as it once did. Its classic toolkit of dominance – the global financial system, monopoly over science and technology, imposition of so-called human rights standards, and control of global media is losing its effectiveness.

The Global South is on a new path

Nations are awakening. Countries, particularly in the Global South, refuse to remain under domination and discrimination. By relying on local models, developing indigenous science and technology, and strengthening their defence and security, they have begun a new path.

In this historic transformation, ancient civilisations hold a unique role. Iran and India, two of the world's oldest and richest civilisations, have, for centuries, shaped global culture. Both civilisations valued peace and avoided war, fighting only in defence against aggression. Even when defeated militarily, their cultural influence was so profound that they reshaped the conquerors, imparting their knowledge of statecraft, governance, literature, philosophy, and art and architecture to them.

After the arrival of Islam, Iran's civilisational values continued in a new form, while India – recognised as the oldest continuous civilization – was further enriched by Islamic influence. Shared ancient values have endured across centuries: the view of life as a gift, the belief in the ultimate triumph of good over evil, respect for diversity, the pursuit of inner purification, and the commitment to spiritual growth.

> With their civilisational wisdom, strategic independence and constructive partnership, Tehran and New Delhi can give the changing world a new order

Modern history shows the same resilience. India, through its anti-colonial struggle and leadership of the Non-Aligned Movement, defended the rights of the Global South. Iran, by nationalising its oil industry and through the Islamic Revolution, resisted western domination. Together, both nations embody values that are urgently needed today: peace, spirituality and respect for nature – values that can guide humanity in facing structural violence, environmental crises and social collapse.

Of course, this independence has come at a price. For decades, Iran has endured economic terrorism, cognitive warfare and relentless external interference, yet, it has never yielded. India, too, has faced unjustified pressures and hostile measures. But neither nation has sacrificed its identity or independence to the ambitions of dominant powers.

Now is the time for ancient civilisations such as Iran and India to chart a new course for the Global South. By strengthening South-South cooperation, playing an active role in frameworks such as BRICS, upholding human and moral principles, and advancing transformative projects such as the International North-South Transport Corridor (INSTC), India and Iran can together build the foundations of a just and humane order.

The Palestine issue

At the heart of this order lies the struggle for Palestine – the foremost concern of the Global South. Nowhere else is the hypocrisy, the supremacism and the brutality of the West more evident. The Palestinian people, standing on the front lines against occupation and expansionism, are in fact fighting for the right of all Global South nations to resist domination. In the same way, Iran's defence of its right to peaceful nuclear energy is also a defence of the South's right to development. At the same time, Iran becomes a stronghold for international law, diplomacy and dialogue against those who claim to uphold human rights and democracy, yet constantly violate law and order.

Multilateral organisations such as BRICS hold great potential to challenge the economic dominance of the West. At a time when economic sanctions and trade wars are being used to impede development and prevent de-dollarisation, BRICS offers the promise of an independent, participatory and democratic future. Likewise, the INSTC corridor is more than an economic route. It is a civilisational bridge, linking Eurasia, the Caucasus, India and Africa, while bringing stability to West Asia.

The U.S.'s interventions

In West Asia, the U.S. and its allies have consistently sought to prevent the emergence of indigenous regional security by supporting the Zionist regime and fuelling instability in Palestine, Lebanon, Iraq, Syria, Yemen and Iran. Iran, as the region's oldest civilisation, has firmly opposed such interventions and stands firmly against threatening the territorial integrity of the sovereign countries of the West Asia region.

In South Asia as well, the U.S. has played a major role in creating and expanding terrorist groups. Whenever it has served its interests, Washington has intervened under the pretext of fighting terrorism. And whenever it has suited its agenda, it has even handed power back to those very terrorist groups.

Today, we stand at a turning point in history. The world is changing. Emerging powers and ancient civilisations are redefining their roles. Iran and India, through civilisational wisdom, strategic independence and constructive partnership, can offer the world a new model: an order that is rooted in justice, common interests and respect for human dignity.

This is an order based not on domination, but on participation; not on superiority, but equality. It is a future where nations are not tools of the powerful, but builders of their own destiny. And who better than ancient civilisations such as Iran and India to lead humanity toward such a future?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Tax reform

GST 2.0 is a visionary step that aligns India with global best practices, by simplifying taxes and exempting key essentials such as health and life insurance. It follows from similar reforms in Australia and the United Kingdom, which spurred youth welfare and consumption. With over 60% of India's GDP driven by private spending, GST 2.0 directly benefits young households. This reform not only harnesses India's demographic dividend but also sets the stage for innovation-driven, inclusive growth.

Shamanth Pydikondala,
Hyderabad

The next Vice-President

As India grapples with increasing institutional stress, the role of the Vice-President of India, especially as the Chair of the Rajya Sabha, demands more than procedural competence. It calls for a deep commitment to constitutional values. In this context, the candidature of Justice B. Sudershan Reddy deserves thoughtful consideration. One hopes that there will be a return to principled leadership over political expediency.

Syed Rafi,
Hyderabad

At Rajgir

The Indian hockey team's Asia Cup win, at Rajgir, was much to the delight of hockey lovers and cheered by fans at the venue. One hopes that the team continues to march on and receive patronage.

Dr. V. Purushothaman,
Chennai

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GST 2.0 could undermine dietary health

Vasudevan Mukunth

On September 22, India will simplify its GST rates into two main slabs, 5% and 18%, with a special 40% bracket for "sinful" and ultra-luxury goods. Many everyday foods get cheaper. For example, pizza bread will drop from 5% to zero and a long list of sugar-based products, including sugar-boiled confectionery, chocolates, jams, fruit jellies, will move from 12-18% to 5%. Aerated and other sugar-based drinks, by contrast, will move to 40%.

While policymakers have framed GST 2.0 as being more rational, a public health lens suggests affordability gains could bypass the goal of healthier consumption. For example, pizza bread can be made of whole wheat flour, refined flour (maida) or sourdough. Sourdough bread should be more affordable because it's healthier, yet maida will also be more accessible now even though it's unhealthy. Similarly, slashing GST on confectionery pulls in products that are nutritionally the opposite of what India's non-communicable disease (NCD) strategy needs.

Review food labelling rules

In this context, India's lacklustre food regulation apparatus assumes greater significance. Without trustworthy food labelling, blanket affordability gains can tilt demand in favour of unhealthy products.

The 40% bracket for aerated and sugar-based beverages is a public health win. Modelling and real-world studies have found similar taxes have reduced consumption in Asia and Africa by 2.5-19% and nudge reformulation, especially when accompanied by labels and advertising restrictions.

However, the GST revamp also moves a bevy of sugar-based calorically dense and nutritionally poor foods to the 5% bracket. Price cuts without warning labels expand access but do not help shoppers tell healthy and unhealthy foods apart.

India's front-of-pack labelling (FOPL) debate has been stalled since a 2022 draft. In July this year, the Supreme Court gave the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) three months to finalise recommendations and indicated a preference for warning labels over health star ratings. In August, the regulator convened a key meeting on labelling. A public health consensus published earlier this month also called for warning labels, the use of WHO-SEARO or ICMR-NIN thresholds, and a science-led process insulated from industry capture.

These thresholds are cut-offs that determine which products must carry a warning label and thus prevent noisy over-labelling. To this end, India needs thresholds that are category -specific, per-quantity, and sugar -sensitive. A 10 g/100 g sugar limit means different things in beverages (which are consumed in larger volumes) versus solid snacks. WHO-SEARO's Nutrient Profile Model (NPM) addresses this by applying category-based limits for total/added sugars, sodium, fats and saturated fats, and flags any non-nutritive sweetener use.

Per-quantity is required to avoid "per serving" warnings, which allow manufacturers to shrink serving sizes to evade warning thresholds. Per-100 g or -100 ml is more comparable on the shelf and the global FOPL norm.

Health and pricing policy

If India adopts a mandatory "high in" warnings system with robust thresholds, GST can also be differentially applied to compliant and noncompliant products. This way, labels can serve as an enforceable bridge between health policy and pricing policy. Products breaching any "high in" threshold – sugar, sodium or saturated fats – shouldn't enjoy the 5% rate even if they are staples in marketing terms. This could avoid the current mismatch between penalising sugary beverages while discounting sugary foods. Likewise, if beverages become more expensive but confectionery becomes cheaper, consumers, especially adolescents, may substitute one sugar source for another. A threshold-linked structure can close that gap.

Role of advertisements

Food advertising also plays a key role in linking tax cuts with changing consumer behaviour. Since 2020, FSSAI rules have banned ads or the sale of HFSS (high in fat, sugar, salt) foods within 50m of schools. The 2022 Central Consumer Protection Authority guidelines restrict misleading ads and impose due diligence on endorsers. The ASCI Code, updated in July, also applies content rules and disclosure norms across media platforms.

Yet India lacks a comprehensive HFSS advertising regime. In Chile, for example, anything bearing a "high in" sign can't be advertised to children on TV or online during specific hours. Evidence shows that child-directed as well as time-based restrictions are more effective than programme-based limits. India should move in that direction and make ad restrictions across TV, print, and social media contingent on FOPL status.

GST 2.0 won't improve Indians' health by itself. Instead, the country needs mandatory FOPL warnings with thresholds aligned to the WHO-SEARO NPM and ICMR-NIN 2024 norms. Second, the GST treatment should be contingent on FOPL status: "high in" products should be taxed 18% or more while compliant products should be taxed 5% or less. Third, the rate cuts shouldn't discount confectionery and desserts while also hiking drinks. Fourth,if a product carries any "high in" warning, it can't be advertised to children, can't be advertised during peak child-viewing hours, and should have restricted placement options on media platforms. Finally, the government should redirect sin-tax revenues to NCD prevention, labelling enforcement, and monitoring reformulation practices.

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A year in Haryana's politics

Tensions and trials shape political landscape in the State

STATE OF PLAY

Ashok Kumar

It will soon be a year since the declaration of Haryana Assembly election results in October. While the Opposition parties in the agrarian State have largely spent this past year revamping the organisation and expanding the cadre base, the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), despite winning a record third consecutive victory, had its own share of challenges over these past few months.

The turn of events during this period of time has brought out in public the infighting within the saffron party on more than one occasion, and also raised questions on the real power of centre within the government with its own senior leader conceding outside influence in the Chief Minister's Office.

Putting the spotlight on the question, BJP's Gurgaon MP and prominent Ahir leader Rao Inderjit Singh, in a podcast two months ago, took the party by surprise saying that former Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal could not become a "mass leader", but still wielded influence in the State government with many bureaucrats continuing to hold important posts in the Chief Minister's Office since his tenure.

In a rare praise for Mr. Lal, now serving as the Union Urban Affairs Minister, Mr. Singh acknowledged his role in translating Prime Minister Narendra Modi's slogan of "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas (Collective efforts, Inclusive development)" into a reality in Haryana, adding that Mr. Lal's influence remained intact in the State. Besides the Chief Principal Secretary to CM, Rajesh Khullar, Officer Special Duty (OSD) Bharat Bhushan Bharti, Principal Advisor D.S. Dhesi, OSD Vivek Kalia and Political Secretary Tarun Bhandari are some of the important officials and appointees who continue to be in the CMO since Mr. Lal's tenure.

Chief Minister Nayab Saini, once praised by the Union Home Minister Amit Shah as "common man" for his grounded nature despite being at the helm of the affairs, attempted to reassert his popularity and authority with a big win in the mayoral polls – the BJP won nine out of 10 municipal corporations in March – but the assertions made by Mr. Singh re-emphasised his image as a "dummy CM", as often referred to by the Opposition leaders.

The alleged worsening of the law and order situation, the government going back on a couple of its controversial decisions after public backlash and the recent mishandling of the Manisha death case have not helped the case of the beleaguered CM.

The saffron party had to deal with open dissent from Energy and Transport Minister Anil Vij, when he indirectly attacked the Chief Minister for hatching a conspiracy to try to defeat him in the Assembly election. Apparently miffed over denial of Home and Finance portfolios, Mr. Vij, took the CM head-on saying that Mr. Saini had been on an "udan khatola" (helicopter) ever since he became the Chief Minister. The seven-time MLA, who had once staked claim to the post of Chief Minister, went ahead to seek the resignation of State party president Mohan Lal Badoli, after he was accused of rape, hinting that all was not well in the party.

Having narrowly lost to the BJP in the State polls, the Haryana Congress, marred by infighting, has managed to put in place an organisation set-up at the district level after more than a decade with the appointments of district presidents. Taking a lesson from its electoral loss due to over-emphasis on the Jat vote bank, which is more than one-fifth of the electorate in the State, the party has appointed only six Jat district presidents. Though more than half of the newly-appointed district presidents belong to the Hooda camp, the supporters of Sirsa MP Kumari Selja too have bagged key positions in North Haryana. However, the party is yet to name the Congress Legislative Party leader and is also expected to appoint a new State president soon fuelling speculations that it could attempt new caste combinations this time around instead of the usual Jat-SC blend for the two key posts.

Pushed to political oblivion in State politics after the split in the party (Indian National Lok Dal and Jannayak Janta Party), the Chautalas suffered another blow in the death of party patriarch and former Chief Minister Om Prakash Chautala in December last year as his demise dashed all hopes of a possible reunion of the two factions and their political revival anytime soon.

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Private kindergarten costs are disproportionately high

Expenditure gap between private and government schools across levels hints at possible overpricing

DATA POINT

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Data from a recent government survey suggests that the cost of private kindergarten education in India is disproportionately high. Two sets of data from the *Comprehensive Modular Survey: Education 2025* point to this conclusion.

First, the cost gap between private and government schools is widest at the pre-primary level – over 20 times – while it narrows considerably at higher levels. Second, within the private system itself, expenditures rise only marginally across successive levels of schooling, in contrast to government schools where costs increase nearly nine-fold, suggesting that a large share of private schooling expenses are front-loaded at the entry stage.

The data includes only those students who reported a non-zero school-related expenditure (labelled as 'reported' students). Also, private schools refer to private unaided schools. The survey was conducted in April-June 2025.

Chart 1 shows the average school expenditure per 'reported' student (in ₹) during the 2025 academic year in rural India. Private kindergarten education costs ₹17,988 per year on average – nearly 22 times higher than in government pre-primary schools (₹823). The private-government school cost gap narrows at higher levels of schooling.

In rural areas, at the primary level, private school education costs about 11 times more than government schools; in middle school, 9.5 times; in secondary, 6 times; and in higher secondary, 4.5 times.

Chart 2 shows the average school expenditure per 'reported' student in urban India. Private kindergarten education costs ₹26,188 per year on average – nearly 16 times higher than in government pre-primary schools (₹1,630). In urban areas too, the private-government school cost gap narrows at higher levels of schooling. In urban areas, at the primary level, private school education costs about 11 times more than government schools; in middle school, 10 times; in secondary, 8 times; and in higher secondary, 6 times.

State-wise data reveal even wider gaps at the pre-primary level. In urban Karnataka, private kindergarten education costs ₹49,271 per year on average – nearly 72 times higher than in government schools (₹688). This is the highest multiple among all States in urban areas. The gap is 40 times in Odisha, and over 35 times in Rajasthan, Maharashtra, and Gujarat. In rural areas, the gap was highest in Chhattisgarh (over 100 times), followed by Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu (over 40 times each), and Gujarat and Karnataka (over 35 times). Notably, Gujarat and Karnataka appear in both the rural and urban lists (**Chart 3**).

The figures presented till now illustrate what was noted before – that the private-government school cost gap is widest at the pre-primary level.

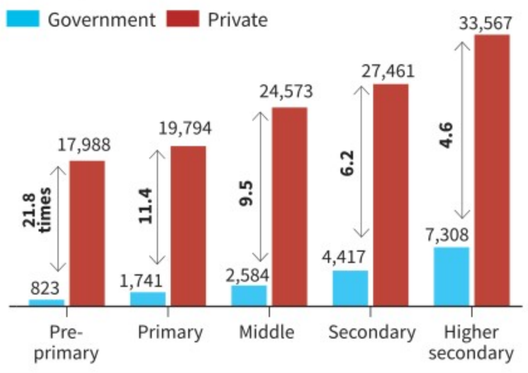
Average school expenditure per 'reported' student between pre-primary and higher secondary levels in India is compared in **Chart 4**. In government schools, costs rose from ₹823 per year at the kindergarten level to ₹7,308 in higher secondary in rural areas – a nearly nine-fold increase. In urban government schools, the rise was more modest, at about 4.7 times. In contrast, in private schools, costs increased from ₹17,988 per year at the kindergarten level to ₹33,567 in higher secondary in rural areas – less than a two-fold rise. The increase was similarly under two times in urban areas in private schools.

The figures in **Chart 4** show that cost increases across levels are marginal, suggesting a possible front-loading of costs.

Front-loading school fees

The data for the charts were sourced from the Comprehensive Modular Survey: Education 2025, released by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation

Chart 1: Average school expenditure (₹) per reported student (figures above bars) by level of education in *rural areas*. **Figures in bold are multiples**



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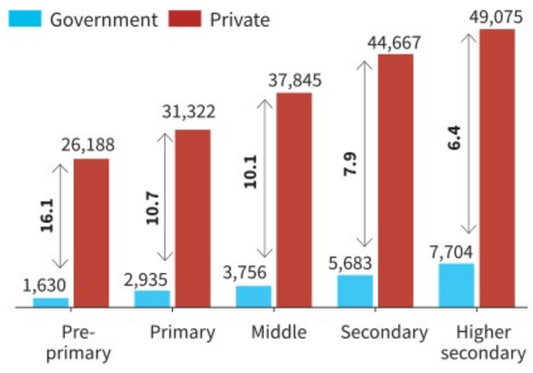


Chart 3: States with the widest private–government school cost gap at the pre-primary level. Figures are multiples

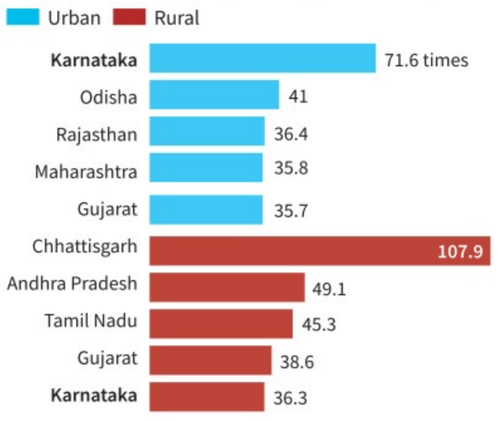
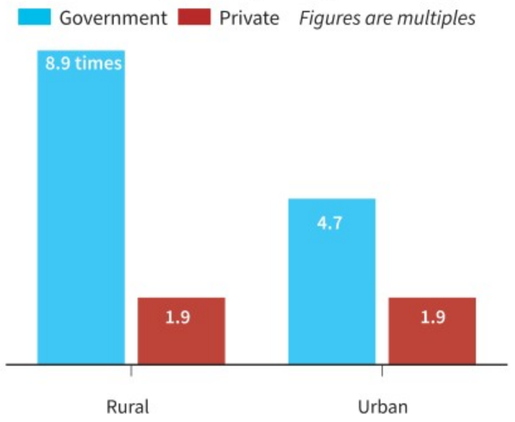


Chart 4: The difference in average expenditure per reported student between pre-primary and higher secondary levels



FROM THE ARCHIVES
The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO SEPTEMBER 9, 1975

Lemongrass Oil: India Takes Lead Again

New Delhi, Sept. 8.
India has once again taken the lead in making lemongrass oil, the cheapest source of vitamin "A".
A new strain that has been developed in India is considerably cheap to produce and can compete with Guatemala the only other major producer of lemongrass oil.
It is expected that India would be able to export about 900 tonnes of this oil, earning considerable foreign exchange. The new variety of lemongrass designated S.D. 68, was produced by Dr. S.C. Datta, Director, Central Indian Medicinal Plants Organisation (CIMPO), Lucknow, during the 1968-69 by using ionising radiation. This new variety has a citral content of 90 to 92 per cent and has been successfully acclimatised to withstand the extreme hot and cold climate of Northern India. By selection and sustained experimentation between 1969 to 1974 the strain has been stabilised by Mr. D.B. Bhalla of Marketing Development Services, New Delhi. Nurseries under his suspension in the Chhatarpur area of Delhi State have produced enough mother material and this new variety is now under extensive cultivation in northern and Eastern India. Indian leomgrass oil, grown chiefly in Kerala, has citral (aldehyde) content of 80 to 85 percent. Hence European markets have been diverting their production of vitamin "A" to synthetic raw materials.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO SEPTEMBER 9, 1925

British Communists

Drastic Police Action Proposed
(Reuter's Agency.)
London, Sep. 8.
With reference to the sensational reports that the Home Office has ordered the arrest of certain Communist leaders, Reuter learns that there have been conferences recently between Home Office officials, the Director of Public Prosecutions and the heads of the Metropolitan Police, as a result of which it has been decided that more drastic measures should be taken against avowed Communist agitators. The officials are reticent, but it is understood that all Metropolitan Police stations have been instructed to keep a sharp lookout on Communist demonstrations.

From Page One

Accept Aadhaar as proof of identity: SC

On July 10, the Supreme Court urged the EC to consider accepting Aadhaar as a document of identity during the SIR. Again, on August 14, the court formally directed the use of Aadhaar as a proof of identity and residence. Finally, on August 22, in response to complaints that the EC was still not accepting Aadhaar as a valid proof of identity or residence during the claims-and-objections period, the court clarified that voters excluded from the draft electoral roll could attach either Aadhaar card or any of the 11 "indicative" documents.

On Monday, senior advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing for Bihar's main Opposition party, the Rashtriya Janata Dal, said the BLOs were refusing to accept Aadhaar from claimants despite these back-to-back orders from the top court.

"Your Lordships had clearly said several times that Aadhaar can be used as an alternative to any of the 11 documents. BLOs are still refusing. The EC is penalising officers for accepting Aadhaar and issued show-cause notices to BLOs who have allowed Aadhaar... Disciplinary proceedings have already started against these officers. There are no instructions from EC to officers to accept Aadhaar despite separate orders by this court... I have 24 affidavits from people from various districts who were unsuccessful in giving Aadhaar. The EC's conduct amounts to gross contempt of this court's orders... We want Aadhaar to be used as proof of residence or identity, so that a person can vote. We want only 11 documents plus Aadhaar," Mr. Sibal submitted.

Mr. Dwivedi countered that Aadhaar could not be accorded the same status as a passport, which was a proof of citizenship. Besides, he contended that over 99% of the excluded voters had already submitted their claims and objections, disproving the petitioners' argument that people did not have any of the 11 documents. Mr. Dwivedi said none of the political parties had pointed out any errors with the SIR process.

Justice Kant said Aadhaar was like any other official document such as ration card, passport, or birth certificate. Both statutes and judicial dictum did not consider Aadhaar as proof of citizenship. "You [EC] can accept Aadhaar and verify their authenticity," Justice Kant observed.

Justice Bagchi said Aadhaar was not "alien" to the Representation of the People Act. "One of the provisions of the Act, in fact, allows Aadhaar as proof of residence," the judge said.

The court orally asked Mr. Dwivedi to give "publicity" to the judicial order so that aggrieved voters would come to know and file their claims and objections along with Aadhaar, if need be. He responded that the order would be posted online.

The case is listed for further hearing on September 15.

19 killed in Nepal amid widespread protests

At Maitighar, in the heart of Kathmandu, demonstrators started gathering from Monday morning, and as time passed, the protest grew bigger. They marched towards the Federal Parliament building in New Baneshwor, and broke through the police cordon to enter the premises while chanting slogans against the leaders, including Prime Minister Oli, and demanding he "leave the country".

Kathmandu's Chief District Officer issued a notice stating that the police would fire shots if government property was targeted, which was immediately met with fierce opposition. Nevertheless, the police used water cannons and fired live bullets, leading to the deaths.

In his statement, the Prime Minister said the government did not intend to block or ban any social media sites permanently. "The families of the deceased will be provided compensation, and the injured will receive free treatment," Mr. Oli said.

A curfew was imposed in key areas of the capital till 10 p.m. Late at night, a Cabinet meeting made the decision to lift the social media ban, said Minister for Communications and Information Technology and government spokesperson Prithvi Subba Gurung.

'State brutality'

Many observers criticised state brutality, which they said was on a scale far greater than that seen during King Gyanendra's regime 19 years ago. Yadav Devkota, a public intellectual, said, "It was a protest by youngsters and schoolchildren, which did not have any political agenda, but the ruling class reacted violently, and it is highly condemnable." Mr. Devkota, however, was quick to warn against blaming the protest on the social media ban alone. "It just prompted them to take action," he added.

The National Human Rights Council, in a statement, confirmed that its monitoring of the protest found security forces used excessive force on protesters. Eyewitnesses said police even fired tear gas shells into hospital areas, adding to the woes of doctors and nurses struggling to deal with the swelling number of injured.

In 2006, massive protests against former king Gyanendra's regime lasted 18 days, ultimately leading to the fall of the centuries-old monarchy and establishing Nepal as a democratic federal republic.

Nepal's digital sphere had for some time been abuzz with a "nepo baby'" or "nepo kids" campaign – mirroring the scene in Indonesia during the 2024 Vice-Presidential election, when criticism mounted over former President Joko Widodo's family.

(Sanjeev Satgainya is a journalist based in Kathmandu)

Naga council in Manipur to enforce trade embargo

The Hindu Bureau
GUWAHATI

An apex body of Manipur Nagas has stuck to its decision to enforce an indefinite 'trade embargo' across all Naga-majority areas of the State from September 8 midnight, less than a week after the Centre announced the "reopening" of a crucial national highway.

The United Naga Council had announced the 'trade embargo', expected to affect all forms of trade and transportation of goods, after a meeting between its team and officials of the Ministry of Home Affairs on August 26 was inconclusive. The meeting was on the twin issues of the Centre's move to scrap the Free Movement Regime, and fence the 1,643-km India-Myanmar border.

The UNC is opposed to the border fencing as Nagas believe the boundary was imposed by the British to divide the Naga homeland straddling Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, and Nagaland, and Myanmar's Sagaing Division.

2 soldiers and 2 terrorists killed in Kulgam operation

Anti-militancy operation was launched in Guddar forests on Monday morning following specific intelligence inputs by J&K Police, says Army spokesperson; BSF arrests Pak. intruder in Jammu

Peerzada Ashiq
SRINAGAR/JAMMU

Two terrorists and two soldiers, including a Junior Commissioned Officer (JCO), were killed during a day-long anti-militancy operation in the forest area of Kulgam in south Kashmir on Monday.

An Army spokesperson said a joint operation of security forces was launched in Guddar forest of Kulgam in the morning following "specific intelligence inputs by the J&K Police". During the anti-militancy operation, security forces came under fire from hiding militants, triggering a fierce gunfight.

"Vigilant troops observed suspicious activity, and upon being challenged, terrorists opened fire. Two terrorists were eliminated in the ongoing operation at Guddar forest of Kulgam," the Army said in a statement.

High vigil: Police personnel at the site after an encounter broke out between terrorists and security forces in Kulgam in Jammu and Kashmir on Monday. PTI

The Army said a JCO and a soldier also "suffered injuries" and "were evacuated for requisite medical care". However, they died of their injuries.

A spokesperson of the Army's Chinar Corps identified the deceased as Subedar Perbhat Gaur and Lance Naik Narender Sindhu.

"The Army honours the supreme sacrifice of the bravehearts in line of duty for the nation. Their courage and dedication will forever inspire us. The Indian Army expresses deepest condolences and stands in solidarity with the bereaved families," the Army said.

Pakistani intruder held

Meanwhile, the Army said the identity of the slain terrorists was being ascertained. "The operation is in progress," the Army said.

Meanwhile, the Border Security Force (BSF) arrested a Pakistani intruder in Jammu. The intruder was taken into custody.

"During questioning, Pakistani currency was recovered from him. He has been handed over to the police. A protest is being lodged with the counterpart," the BSF said.

'India, China must counter unfair tariffs by the U.S.'

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

China opposes the Trump administration's 50% tariffs on India as those are "unfair and unreasonable" and New Delhi and Beijing should scale up economic ties to jointly counter the challenge, Chinese ambassador Xu Feihong said on Monday.

Mr. Xu said both India and China are victims of terrorism and Beijing stands ready to work with the international community, including New Delhi, to combat the challenge.

Mr. Xu said that important consensus was reached between India and China on the boundary issues and that bilateral relationship between the two sides has not been impacted by a third party, in an apparent reference to Pakistan.

He said the U.S. is using the tariffs as a kind of "weapon" to extract "exorbitant" costs from various countries, and India and China must cooperate with each other to navigate the situation.

Israeli Finance Minister visits India, signs bilateral investment treaty

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

Days after Israel intensified its ongoing military operation in Gaza Strip, India hosted Israeli Minister of Finance Bezalel Smotrich, who held talks with his Indian counterpart, Nirmala Sitharaman, and signed a Bilateral Investment Agreement here on Monday. Mr. Smotrich is leading a delegation of Israeli officials that includes the Chief Economist of the Israeli Ministry of Finance, Shmuel Abramzon.

Trade boost: Bezalel Smotrich and Nirmala Sitharaman during the signing ceremony in New Delhi on Monday. PIB/PTI

"The agreement we signed expresses our shared vision for innovative and secure economic development. This is a strategic step that will open new doors for both Israeli and Indian investors, strengthen Israeli exports, and provide businesses on both sides with certainty and tools to develop in the world's fastest-growing markets. India is a growing economic powerhouse, and cooperation with it is a tremendous opportunity for the State of Israel," said Mr. Smotrich after signing the agreement with Ms. Sitharaman.

Mr. Smotrich's arrival in India coincided with the launch of a new phase of Israeli military campaign in the Gaza Strip as the Israeli Defence Forces (IDF) are trying to evacuate the Gaza City in order to create a sanitised zone, which has million-plus civilians facing serious issues like bombing raids and starvation.

Significant outreach

Mr. Smotrich's visit to India is a sign of significant outreach by Israel as he was banned by the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, Norway and Canada in June this year.

The Ministry of External Affairs is yet to respond to a query from *The Hindu* about the visit but highly placed Israeli sources said that Israel is in the process of throwing open new sectors of its economy, especially the construction sector, which will generate investment and employment opportunities for Indians. Israel, which started the current military campaign after the October 7, 2023 attack by Hamas, has hired a large number of Indian blue collar workers in the last two years.

Mr. Smotrich also met Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal, who in a message said, "Our discussions focused on further strengthening trade and investment ties between our nations."

New model

"A new Bilateral Investment Agreement signed by Israel's Minister of Finance Bezalel Smotrich and India's Finance Minister will facilitate reciprocal investments between investors from both countries. Israel is the first OECD [Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development] member state with which India has signed this strategic agreement, in accordance with India's new model for investment treaties," said the Israeli Ministry of Finance. Mr. Smotrich announced that the Israeli Ministry of Finance is examining the possibility of opening a representation office in India.

The Israeli Ministry further said that the new agreement will replace the previous agreement that was signed in 1996.

Parliamentary panel to be briefed ahead of EU-India FTA talks

Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

EU trade negotiators are in Delhi; both sides are expected to agree on accelerated plan for talks every month to arrive on an FTA deal by the end of the year

As European Trade Commissioners head to Delhi later this week to fast-track Free Trade Agreement (FTA) talks, the government will brief the parliamentary consultative committee on the discussions, including on contentious issues such as agricultural market access, and non-tariff barriers like the EU's Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM).

The briefing comes close on the heels of the collapse of trade negotiations with the United States over issues such as opening the market for agricultural commodities, dairy and genetically modified crops, as well as ties with Russia. Officials from the Ministry of External Affairs and the Commerce Ministry are expected to help build political consensus over FTA talks with European countries, which could also demand similar concessions from India.

According to sources, agreements signed in the past few months will be discussed during the briefing. This includes an FTA with the United Kingdom, and an agreement signed with Nordic countries last year, expected to go into force on October 1. However, these deals skirted the issues over agriculture and visas, focusing instead on areas that could be agreed on.

According to a notice sent out to members of the Shashi Tharoor-led Committee on External Affairs, the briefing by the government on "India and Europe Relationship: Opportunities and Challenges" will take place tomorrow, a day before European Union's trade commissioner Maros Sefcovic and agriculture commissioner Christophe Hansen arrive in Delhi on September 11 for talks beginning Friday.

EU trade negotiators are already in Delhi for preparatory meetings, where both sides are expected to agree on an accelerated plan for talks every month, so as to arrive at an FTA deal by the end of the year. In addition, a 28-member delegation of the Political and Security Committee (PSC) that oversees the EU's foreign, security and defence policies will travel to Delhi from September 10-14.

"The visit builds on recent key milestones, including the EU College of Commissioners' visit to India in February, the inaugural EU-India Strategic Dialogue in June, and the upcoming EU-India Summit in early 2026," the European Union office in India announced on Monday.

While the visits by the trade negotiators and commissioners will focus on the FTA, the PSC is expected to push for India to play a more proactive role in the Ukraine conflict and reduce its processing of Russian oil that finds its way back to European markets.

The visits follow the U.S. decision to impose a total 50% tariff on Indian goods, including a 25% penalty tariff for the purchase of Russian oil, with threats of more "secondary sanctions" from the U.S. over the Ukraine conflict. While the EU has not imposed penalty tariffs on India, it has moved to sanction several Indian companies including Gujarat-based Nayara Energy, partially owned by Russian oil major Rosneft. As a result, Nayara Energy's oil purchases are being refused by shippers and insurers, even as the EU is preparing a 19th package of sanctions that will impose penalties on the European buyers of the refined-Russian products sold by Indian refineries.

Sources said the FTA negotiators have cleared about half of the 23-24 chapters in the final EU-India FTA, and they should complete the agreement by the end of 2025, or early next year.

(With inputs from T.C.A. Sharad Raghavan)

Economic practices must be fair, transparent: Jaishankar

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The world is seeking a stable and predictable environment for trade, and economic practices should be fair, transparent and to everyone's benefit, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar said on Monday, against the backdrop of increasing global concerns over Washington's tariff tussle.

In an address at a virtual BRICS summit, the Minister said India strongly believes that the international trading system's foundational principles of non-discriminatory and rules-based norms must be protected and that there is a need to create more resilient and reliable supply chains. Mr. Jaishankar represented Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the summit that saw participation of Chinese President Xi Jinping, Russian President Vladimir Putin and several other leaders of the grouping.

Virtual meeting: S. Jaishankar addresses the BRICS summit, in New Delhi on Monday. ANI

It was convened by Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva to discuss trade disruptions triggered by U.S.' policies on trade and tariff. The U.S. slapped 50% tariffs on Brazilian exports like in the case of India.

'Balancing act'

Mr. Jaishankar's participation at the summit in place of Mr. Modi is seen as part of New Delhi's "balancing act" with the Trump administration increasingly getting suspicious about the BRICS.

In his remarks, Mr. Jaishankar called for urgent resolution to ongoing conflicts, adding the Global South has experienced a deterioration in its food, energy and fertilizer security. However, the major focus of his speech was on trade.

Mr. Jaishankar said the world requires "constructive and cooperative" approaches to promote trade that is sustainable.

Elgar Parishad case accused seeks bail over failing health

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday decided to hear on September 15 the bail plea of Elgar Parishad-Bhima Koregaon case accused Mahesh Raut, who has sought release on medical grounds citing deteriorating health.

Mr. Raut's counsel submitted in court that the activist was suffering from rheumatoid arthritis and required specialised treatment that was not available either in prison or at Mumbai's JJ Hospital, where he had been examined. The SC said if the condition was serious and required continuous treatment, there should be no difficulty in considering relief.

No role in bulk SMS, says TRAI on Cong. allegations

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) on Monday said that it had no role to play in approving content for bulk SMS messages.

The telecom regulator was responding to the Congress's allegation that the party was stopped from sending a link to a video on allegations of voter fraud in Maharashtra.

Party leader Praveen Chakravarty said over the weekend that the Congress was circulating the link to the video to its own cadre.

"No application was received by #TRAI for sending SMS to a political party's Maharashtra cadre on how the 2024 Assembly election was 'stolen'," TRAI said in a post on the social media platform X. "TRAI doesn't approve individual SMS templates. As per the photo, it is clear that it was rejected by the service provider, STPL."

Bulk SMS messages have to be registered as a "template" in India with telcos, as a result of years of anti-spam regulations, which have led to strict controls on who can send bulk SMS messages in India.

People sending bulk SMS messages are required to upload "templates" containing the message's text to a blockchain recognised by their telecom operator. Without a registered template, telecom service providers will filter out any unapproved bulk communications over SMS, as required by TRAI.

BJD, BRS, Akali Dal to abstain from Vice-Presidential election

This will not impact electoral arithmetic that is leaning in favour of ruling party candidate C.P. Radhakrishnan; both sides conduct meetings and mock polls on election eve to ensure maximum attendance of their MPs; all eyes on Shiv Sena (UBT)

Sobhana K. Nair
NEW DELHI

Ahead of the Vice-Presidential election scheduled for Tuesday, the Biju Janata Dal (BJD) of Odisha, the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) of Punjab, and the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) of Telangana have declared their intent to abstain from the polls. Their declaration, though, makes little difference to the poll arithmetic, with the nominee of the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA), C.P. Radhakrishnan, headed for a comfortable victory.

Both the NDA and Opposition parties are pulling out all the stops to ensure maximum attendance of all their members. The two sides held a meeting on the eve of the polls.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired the NDA meet, after which Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju said all its MPs will be present for the election.

"It was a very good meeting. All MPs of the Rajya Sabha and the Lok Sabha met together, and PM Modi also guided them," he said. Mr. Modi, he said, expressed his happiness that important Bills were passed in Parliament recently, and urged the NDA parliamentarians to spread the message to people.

The BJD, SAD, and the BRS have 12 seats in both Houses put together. While the BJD and the BRS have explicitly said they will "abstain", the SAD said it will boycott the election, accusing the AAP-run State government, the BJP-led Centre and the lead Opposition party, Congress, of not helping the State during the unprecedented floods.

Former Union Minister Harsimrat Kaur Badal is the sole member of Parliament of the SAD and represents the Bathinda Lok Sabha constituency.

Both the BJD and the BRS said they were neither with the ruling NDA nor with the Opposition INDIA bloc for the polls.

"The BJD remains equidistant from both the NDA and INDIA. We are focused on the development and welfare of Odisha and its 4.5 crore people," BJD leader Sasmit Patra said.

Speaking on similar lines, BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao said: "BRS is a completely independent party. We have no bosses in Delhi. Telangana people are our only bosses."

Numbers game

The ruling NDA has a clear edge in the Vice-Presidential election. Members of the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha will exercise their mandate for the post

Alliance/Type	C.P. Radhakrishnan (CPR)	Sudarshan Reddy (SR)	Abstaining	Undeclared
NDA	419	-	-	-
INDIA#	1	316	-	-
Others	11	2	12	3
Nominated*	-	-	-	7
Independent for SR	-	6	-	-
Independent Undeclared	-	-	-	3
Independent for CPR	1	-	-	-
Total	**432**	**324**	**12**	**13**
Grand Total 781				

Notes
One Aam Aadmi Party member, Swati Maliwal, has committed to vote for C.P. Radhakrishnan's candidacy
* Nominated to the Rajya Sabha by the President with advice of Union Cabinet

Vote statistics

If all the MPs who form the electorate for the Vice-Presidential election were to cast their votes in Tuesday's election, then the NDA stands at 432 and the joint Opposition bloc at 324, a difference of 115 votes. If the margin is maintained in this range, then it will be the narrowest margin for a Vice-Presidential candidate since 2014.

In the 2022 polls, the NDA nominee, Jagdeep Dhankhar, won by a margin of 346 votes and in 2017, M. Venkaiah Naidu won by 272.

To present a united front, the Opposition held a meeting at the Central Hall of Samvidhan Sadan (old Parliament Building), where the members were briefed on the election process, particularly the right method to mark their choice. This brief training was given because in the 2022 election, 15 votes were invalidated.

As per posters put up by the Rajya Sabha Secretariat at the poll venue, the MPs are to put number 1 in the column "order of preference" against the candidate of their choice. A tick mark or cross mark would invalidate the vote. Any writing, like name or signature or any other word, would also lead to rejection of the vote. These details were reiterated by the Congress's senior leader Jairam Ramesh at the meeting.

'Ideological battle'

Describing the Vice-Presidential election as an ideological battle, Samajwadi Party leader Ram Gopal Yadav underscored the importance of contesting the election, despite not having the required numbers to mount a credible challenge to the NDA nominee.

The MPs are not bound by party whips to vote in the election, which takes place under a secret ballot system. This has posed a challenge for the Opposition. All eyes will be on the Shiv Sena (UBT), which has nine MPs in the Lok Sabha. "There is strong speculation that at least half of the Shiv Sena (UBT) MPs could cross-vote," a senior Opposition leader said.

Among the leaders who attended the meeting at the Samvidhan Sadan were Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, Congress Parliamentary Party leader Sonia Gandhi, NCP(SP) leader Sharad Pawar, and DMK leader T.R. Baalu.

The NDA also held a meeting of their MPs to brief them on the election process. The members also took part in a mock poll.

(With inputs from Vikas Vasudeva)

Justice Reddy meeting Lalu is hypocrisy: BJP

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Monday objected to the meeting the Opposition's Vice-Presidential candidate, former Supreme Court judge Justice B. Sudershan Reddy (retd.), had with Rashtriya Janata Dal supremo Lalu Prasad, calling it "hypocrisy in the extreme" given that he spoke about "saving the country's soul".

Justice B. Sudershan Reddy (retired) meeting with RJD chief Lalu Prasad. X/@LALUPRASADRJD

At a press conference, BJP MP and spokesperson Ravi Shankar Prasad said: "We respect all the judges a lot, whether they are sitting or retired. However, when a judge comes into the electoral arena and talks about some big things, then questions will be raised."

Citing a news report, Mr. Prasad said: "His statement today has been printed in a newspaper. 'Vote for me to save the soul of the nation: Opposition V-P pick.' And many big things have been said to 'save the conscience' of the country... he has released a video, and look, to save the soul of the country, whom is he meeting? Lalu Prasad. Lalu Prasad is convicted in the fodder scam."

Stating that Mr. Lalu Prasad was named in a chargesheet in another case, the BJP leader said: "He is not even a voter [in the Vice-Presidential election], as he is not a member of Parliament. Are you talking about restoring the soul of the country then? It is hypocrisy. From the party platform today, we are exposing your hypocrisy... he is chargesheeted in the land-for-railway jobs case... so, Justice Sudershan Reddy, please do not talk about conscience and do not talk about saving the country's soul. It is hypocrisy in the extreme. We condemn it outright."

Slams Congress chief

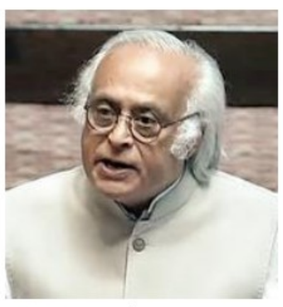
Mr. Prasad accused Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge of insulting a Karnataka farmer in distress due to his ruined crop. The farmer had approached Mr. Kharge with his grievance. "It shows that the Congress does not take the suffering of farmers seriously. On the other hand, the Modi government has reduced Goods and Services Tax, providing direct benefits to the common man, including farmers, and made fertilizers and everyday essentials cheaper," he said. Mr. Prasad questioned the absence of Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi when farmers were suffering due to floods.

EC must be 'named and shamed', asserts Congress

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Mounting a scathing attack on the Election Commission (EC), the Congress on Monday said the poll panel should be "named and shamed" for refusing to accept Aadhaar as proof of identity during the special intensive revision (SIR) of the electoral rolls in Bihar, despite the Supreme Court's directive.

In a post on X, Congress general secretary (communications) Jairam Ramesh said Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Gyanesh Kumar and the institution that he heads "shall not be forgiven by history".



Jairam Ramesh

'Non-compliance'

"The Election Commission must be named and shamed for its brazen non-compliance with the Supreme Court's directive to accept Aadhaar as a proof of identity. Today, once again for the THIRD TIME, the Supreme Court reiterated the point that Aadhaar must be accepted as a valid ID to register voters," Mr. Ramesh said.

The Congress leader alleged that repeated obstacles were being created by the commission to "deliberately inconvenience the registration of legitimate voters".

"It has refused to recognise BLAs [booth level agents] appointed by political parties, declined to accept Aadhaar, and even sent notices to officials to accept only the documents it has prescribed. Keep in mind that this is a mess of the Election Commission's own making," Mr. Ramesh said.

'Shall not be forgiven'

"No one other than G2 [a reference to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah] asked for an SIR this close to the election. No one other than G2 asked for it to be conducted so ineptly that the Supreme Court has had to intervene to ensure basic checks and balances. Make no mistake, we are fighting an election against the ruling regime and despite the EC. This CEC and the institution he heads shall not be forgiven by history," he added.

Prime Minister to cast first vote in today's Vice-Presidential election

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will cast the first vote on Tuesday in the Vice-Presidential polls, for which Union Ministers Kiren Rijiju and K. Rammohan Naidu, and Shiv Sena MP Shrikant Shinde have been appointed election agents.

The post fell vacant on the first day of the monsoon session of Parliament, after Jagdeep Dhankhar resigned as Vice-President on July 21 citing health reasons.

The National Democratic Alliance (NDA) has nominated Maharashtra Governor C.P. Radhakrishnan and the Opposition has picked Justice B. Sudershan Reddy (retd) as its nominee to contest the election to the constituitional post.

Two days before the polls, the NDA and the Opposition had started preparations to train their MPs on the voting process. Mr. Modi, his Cabinet colleagues from the BJP, and party MPs took part in a two-day workshop – *Sansad Karyashala* – starting on Sunday. The workshop also passed a resolution thanking Mr. Modi for the Goods and Services Tax (GST) reforms.

President Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi along with former Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar. FILE PHOTO

'Promote local goods'

At a meeting of NDA MPs on Monday, the Prime Minister laid out a plan of action to spread public awareness of the benefits of GST reforms.

He suggested that the MPs organise trader conferences in their constituencies to inform the business community about the simplifications in the GST regime. They could also hold "Swadeshi Melas" during the coming Navaratri and Deepavali to promote domestically manufactured goods, which was essential for achieving self-reliance.

Mr. Modi said exhibitions should be held to support Indian products, local artisans, and micro/small industries in each parliamentary constituency. Calling the GST reforms revolutionary, he said it would benefit all sections of society and sectors.

Modi lays out a plan of action to spread public awareness of the benefits of the recent GST reforms

Sankarshan Thakur, senior journalist, passes away

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Sankarshan Thakur, Editor of *The Telegraph*, passed away in a Gurgaon hospital on Monday. He was 63.

Mr. Thakur had been ailing for some time and had undergone a surgery recently.

Known for his incisive political analysis and ground reporting, Mr. Thakur was considered one of the finest writers in contemporary journalism.

A chronicler of Bihar's politics, Mr. Thakur's books include *Making of Laloo Yadav*: *The Unmaking of Bihar*; *Single Man: The Life And Times of Nitish Kumar of Bihar*; *and The Brothers Bihari*.

The news of his death has led to an outpouring of grief in the journalistic fraternity.

MLA arrested under stringent law in J&K

Peerzada Ashiq
SRINAGAR

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) legislator from Doda in Jammu and Kashmir, Mehraj Malik, was arrested on Monday under the stringent Public Safety Act (PSA) on the orders of the Doda Deputy Commissioner.

The move evoked criticism from J&K Chief Minister Omar Abdullah and regional Opposition parties.

Harvinder Singh, the Deputy Commissioner and District Magistrate, Doda, informed the J&K Assembly Speaker about the detention of Mr. Malik under the PSA on the grounds of his activities being "prejudicial to the maintenance of public order".

Mr. Malik's arrest came a day after he used unparliamentary language against the Deputy Commissioner as well as his family.

This is the first time a sitting MLA has been detained under the PSA.

"There is no justification for detaining Mehraj Malik under PSA. He's not a threat to 'public safety'," Mr. Abdullah said.

Army intensifies flood relief efforts; Modi to review situation in Punjab

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Indian Army has been carrying out extensive humanitarian assistance and disaster relief missions in flood-affected regions across the country, with a special focus on the worst-hit areas of Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, and Jammu and Kashmir.

PM's visit today

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit flood-affected areas of Punjab, where torrential rain and overflowing rivers have caused widespread devastation, on Tuesday.

Since April 2025, the Indian Army has conducted disaster relief and rescue missions at 75 locations across the country. INDIAN ARMY/X

According to the Army, it has been at the forefront of relief efforts since April 2025, conducting missions at 75 locations across the country. With 126 rescue columns deployed, troops have rescued over 21,500 civilians, provided medical aid to nearly 9,700 people, and delivered 23,500 kg of relief supplies.

Engineers have built 29 bridges and strengthened bunds at 12 locations, while helicopters have flown 500-plus hours in rescue and supply missions, the Army said.

In Punjab, where floods hit the hardest, 48 rescue columns were deployed, saving 10,000 civilians, assisting 4,700 people medically, and delivering 12,500 kg of essentials. Army helicopters alone logged 250-plus hours in the State, even evacuating 500 security personnel, including BSF troops, from forward posts, it added.

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INBRIEF

PM Modi to open conference of commanders in Kolkata

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the Combined Commanders' Conference (CCC), 2025 scheduled from September 15 to 17 in Kolkata. The CCC is the apex-level forum of the armed forces, bringing together the nation's top civil and military leadership to exchange views and chart the course for India's defence preparedness. The theme of this year's conference is "Year of reforms – transforming for the future". According to the Defence Ministry, the conference will focus on reforms, transformation and change, and operational preparedness.

SC refuses to intervene in plea on appointment of AMU V-C

The Supreme Court on Monday refused to intervene in a petition challenging the appointment of Professor Naima Khatoon as the first woman Vice-Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University (AMU). A Bench headed by Justice J.K. Maheshwari said it was not inclined to entertain the plea, which questioned the participation of Professor Khatoon's husband, Professor Mohd. Gulrez, who was officiating as Vice-Chancellor at the time, in the Executive Council meeting which suggested her name for the approval of the Visitor.

Online gaming Act cases moved to Supreme Court

The Supreme Court on Monday allowed a petition filed by the Centre seeking transfer of three cases pending in the Delhi, Karnataka and Madhya Pradesh High Courts challenging the Promotion and Regulation of Online Gaming Act, 2025. A Bench headed by Justice J.B. Pardiwala transferred the cases to the apex court. The Bench asked the High Courts to transfer the case records to the Supreme Court. Arguing for a transfer, the Union government said multiple proceedings before the various High Courts would add to the confusion, especially if the judgments contradict each other. An authoritative declaration on the constitutionality of the statute would settle the law.

Former BJP and Asom Gana Parishad MLAs join Congress

Three former MLAs from Assam – two from the BJP and one from its ally the Asom Gana Parishad (AGP) – joined the Congress on Monday in the presence of party general secretary (organisation) K.C. Venugopal. Former BJP MLAs Binanda Saikia and Mansingh Rongpi and AGP MLA Satyabrata Kalita were inducted into the party in the presence of senior leaders, including Assam Congress chief Gaurav Gogoi. Both Mr. Saikia and Mr. Rongpi were in the Congress before they switched over to the BJP. The Congress described their return as a significant development before the 2026 Assembly election. "The people of Assam are yearning for change from the most corrupt rule of the Himanta Biswa Sharma Pvt. Ltd.," Mr. Venugopal said on X.

Assam to celebrate Bhupen Hazarika's birth centenary

PM, Home Minister pay rich tribute to the legendary singer-composer; Hazarika carried Assam to the world through his soulful melodies and made humanity his tune & love his anthem, says CM

The Hindu Bureau
GUWAHATI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah paid rich tributes to Bhupen Hazarika as the Assam government launched a year-long celebration of the birth centenary of the legendary singer-composer on Monday.

Hazarika, lovingly called *Sudhakantha* (nectar-voiced), was born on September 8, 1926.

In an article, the Prime Minister threw light on the music maestro's life and music, and how it inspired millions of people in Assam and beyond.

Mr. Shah took to the social media platform X. "Remembering Bharat Ratna Dr. Bhupen Hazarika Ji on his Jayanti. Known as the Bard of Brahmaputra, Hazarika Ji's soulful voice carried the spirit of Assam to the world, and his creations spoke of love, unity and humanity. His melodies will forever echo in our hearts, reminding us of the power of music to heal and unite. By conferring upon him the Bharat Ratna, Modi Ji ensured that his legacy remains immortal," he wrote.

Members of the All Assam Students' Union pay tribute to Bhupen Hazarika on his birth anniversary in Guwahati on Monday. PTI

'Bridging hearts'

In Guwahati, Governor Laxman Prasad Acharya and Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma paid homage to the late Hazarika, during the inaugural centenary function at the Dr. Bhupen Hazarika Samannay Tirtha. Hazarika was cremated at this centre adjoining the Gauhati University in November 2011. He had penned and sung the theme song of the university, *Jilikabo Luitore Paar* (the university will illuminate the banks of Luit, an Assamese alias for the Brahmaputra), after it was established in 1948.

The Chief Minister of Assam, Himanta Biswa Sarma, also posted on social media platform X.

"Today, we celebrate the life of a legend, who carried Assam to the world through his soulful melodies and made humanity his tune & love his anthem. We celebrate the Bharat Ratna Dr Bhupen Hazarika, on his *jayanti*, remembering his life, which was a poetry in itself," Mr. Sarma said.

"Bhupen Hazarika's life teaches us the power of empathy, of listening to people, and of staying rooted. His songs continue to be sung by the young and old alike," Union Minister of Ports, Shipping, and Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal said.

Arunachal Pradesh, where Hazarika spent a part of his chilhood, also paid tributes to the music maestro.

"Remembering the Legendary Bharat Ratna Bhupen Hazarika Ji on his birth anniversary. Your songs beautifully bridged the hearts of Northeast India and the rest of the world. In Arunachal, your melodies continue to resonate, inspiring peace, unity, and cultural pride. May your timeless legacy keep connecting generations," Chief Minister Pema Khandu posted on X. The maestro shared a deep connection with Bolung village in Arunachal Pradesh's Lower Dibang Valley.

Bangladesh to send 1,200 tonnes of *hilsa* ahead of Durga Puja

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

In a goodwill gesture, Bangladesh's interim government has announced that it will send 1,200 tonnes of *hilsa* fish to India ahead of Durga Puja later this month. An official notification issued on Monday said that a decision had been taken in this regard "in principle", and called for fish exporters to submit applications by September 11.

"*Ilish* (*hilsa*) is coming! The Bangladesh government just decided to export the quintessential fish to India ahead of the festival season as a mark of enduring friendship," Bangladesh's High Commissioner to India Riaz Hamidullah said.

Bangladesh has determined that the *hilsa*, a prized fish during festivities in eastern Indian States, including West Bengal, Assam, and Tripura, will cost $12.5, or around ₹1,100, per kg, which is significantly lower than the prevailing market rates for *hilsa* in India at present. Bangladesh has traditionally sent *hilsa* ahead of the Durga Puja season.

The consignment of 1,200 tonnes of *hilsa* is expected to reach West Bengal.

The hilsa will cost ₹1,100 a kg, which is lower than the present price in India. ISTOCKPHOTO

Though diplomatic sources said Bangladesh had attempted to send some additional consignments for Assam and Tripura, that initiative did not receive a response from local importers within the given time-frame.

The 1,200 tonnes is less than previous consignments for the season. In 2024, the interim government led by Muhammad Yunus had sent 3,000 tonnes of *hilsa* ahead of the Durga Puja season. A similar quantity was maintained during the Sheikh Hasina years.

Translated collection of Bhil folk tales to be out soon

Abhinay Lakshman
NEW DELHI

The Union government's recent initiative to bring out a translation tool for tribal languages is helping bring out a translated collection of folk tales of the Bhil tribe in Madhya Pradesh.

The collection, in Hindi, will feature stories of inter-caste love, caste discrimination, *guru pujan* and the celebration of theatre.

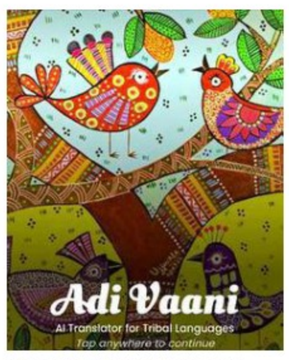
In the compilation, titled *Anuvad*, a recurring theme in several stories appears to be a narrative where casteism is defeated through arguments such as "caste was never a part of Sanatan Dharma", or "there is no caste in Manusmriti, it was introduced", and that caste differences should be set aside because "all Hindus are the same".

The e-booklet will be made available on the Tribal Affairs Ministry's Adi Vaani website and the app. Other stories talk about farmer distress, faith healers, and worshippers of Lokmata Ahilya Devi, the Narmada, and Sant Singaji.

A story about inter-caste love titled *Jaativaad Khatam Karo* (end casteism) speaks of Basant and Palasi, who live in a beautiful village, where the only problem is that of casteism. While Basant's caste location is not revealed in the story, it says Palasi is Dalit and Basant is of a "higher" caste. Basant, an attendance marker at a factory, falls for Palasi, a worker, but the villagers object to this. The villagers, led by the Pandit, stop Basant to confront him about the *adharm* (sacrilege).

Basant stands his ground, enraging the Pandit, who forces Basant to argue with him in a public square. In this dialogue, the Pandit argues that caste is part of Hindu religious texts, while Basant argues that caste was never part of the Manusmriti but that it was inserted in made-up *shloks* (verses) later in the form of a "conspiracy".

He goes on to argue that inter-caste relations are not wrong "because all Hindus are the same", positing that "casteism" goes against the "*Varna* system", which is based on *karma* and not on birth.



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The Pandit listens to Basant, changes his mind, and declares him "innocent", calling him a "protector of faith".

Another story is about a fierce night-long street play competition where a "Vanvasi" audience is won over by the protagonist's theatre group, which starts playing the roles of "Vanvasis" on stage, speaking their language and dancing their dances.

These tales have been collected from oral storytelling traditions of the Bhil community in regions of Madhya Pradesh, with some of them referring to the Nimar region of the State.

Vague timeline

The stories do not mention the year in which they take place, but some of them have vague clues indicating that they are taking place in a modern world, with the mention of cars and roads, and characters who are police officers and district officials.

Officials told *The Hindu* that such folk tales from Gondi, Santali, and Mundari communities have also been translated and will be made available soon.

In a story titled '*Guru Pujan*', Samandar, a hard-working schoolteacher in a village, is preparing for Guru Purnima. As preparations are under way, the crowd is stunned into silence by a visibly drunk policeman, who is beating a child. When stopped, he threatens violence and cases against the teachers, children and guests, and vandalises the idol that was supposed to be worshipped. Samandar works up the courage to confront the policeman, stands his ground, and ensures that he runs away. When the students see their teacher defending their lives, they say they will now worship him as their guru. At this point, Samandar posits that they should instead worship "the guru of gurus" – the "*bhaagwat* flag" – a religious flag, typically yellow or saffron in colour. He says, "This flag represents our culture and civilisation. It is a vehicle for our nation. Our Sanatan culture is reflected in this. This is our guru."

According to the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh's V. Bhagaiah, the RSS considers the "*bhagwa dhwaj*" (saffron flag) its guru. Author Arun Anand, who has studied the RSS, further writes that this concept originated when RSS members wished to consider founder K.B. Hedgewar as their guru, but Mr. Hedgewar had purportedly suggested they worship the saffron flag as their guru instead.

SC notice to ED, Gujarat on bail plea by journalist

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday issued notice to the Enforcement Directorate and the Gujarat government on a plea for bail filed by journalist Mahesh Langa in a money laundering case linked to accusations of fraud against him.

A Bench of Justices Surya Kant and Joymalya Bagchi decided to examine the plea by Mr. Langa, represented by senior advocate Kapil Sibal, whose bail application had been earlier rejected by the Gujarat High Court. The case will now come up again for hearing after two weeks.

"In one FIR, he gets anticipatory bail, then a second FIR is lodged and again anticipatory bail is granted but now he is booked under third FIR for income tax evasion. There are other things also being arraigned against him," Mr. Sibal submitted.

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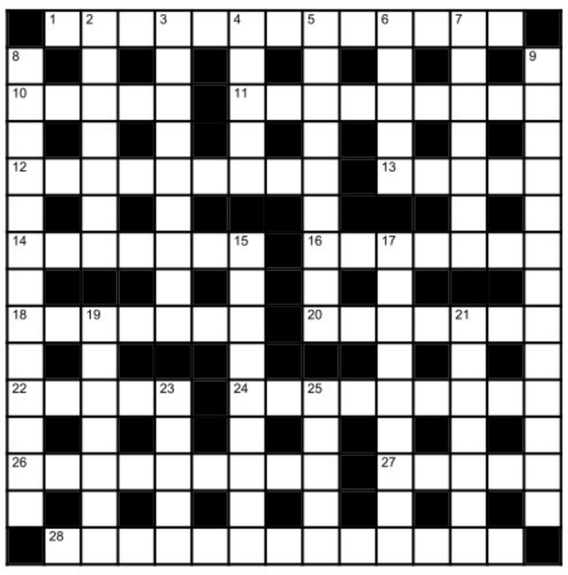
SCAN TO PLAY



Across

1 Alarming - cease preparation of the custard sauce (5,8)
10 Rebels haven't started problems (5)
11 First course, not for previous round (9)
12 Malicious three involved in civil unrest (9)
13 Tea by the way is a plant (5)
14 Cabin on board to store tools (7)
16 One extremely spiritualistic expires and goes to heaven (7)
18 Perhaps main problem with patients (7)
20 File containing oddly, Romeo's testosterone, say (7)
22 Starts with event management - can even entertain the host (5)
24 Odd to be in bed - bachelor left all alone (9)
26 Research about current density is taxing in a way (5,4)
27 Joint composition reviewed (5)
28 Could start on bowling stats in test which is debatable (13)

Down

2 Royal order for a knighted German dish (7)
3 Test ban in sporting continent (9)
4 A cry heard for help (5)
5 Fall in attendance before you barge in (4-5)
6 Like to choose, say what goes into a dessert (5)
7 Support outside American soil (7)
8 Savage desires produce an auto-immune disorder (6,7)
9 Patronising as every other account is coming down (13)
15 Rolling Stones out - music to be played in a sustained or prolonged manner. (9)
17 Unravel secret about foremost Spanish writer (9)
19 Pilgrims go there with no support - it's children's plaything (7)
21 Cloth rag carried by extreme characters (7)
23 Seal up - getting cross with the foreign worker (5)
25 Herb sneaks in by stealthy means (5)

SUDOKU

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Solution to previous puzzle

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Returning the soul to God

Coveting others' belongings without their knowledge is a form of stealing that arises from seeking personal enjoyment. In the same way, the soul within us belongs exclusively to God. When people forget this truth and use the soul for their own pleasure, scriptures teach that it is akin to stealing from God – a concept known as *Aatma apaharam* or stealing the soul. Swami Vedanta Desika highlights this idea in "Devanayaka Panchasath," particularly in the sloka *Aatmapahara rasike*.

Valayapettai Sri Ramachariar said the ultimate act of restoring the soul to God is achieved through an Acharya, a practice called *Bhara Nyasam*. This act is likened to a marriage: the soul is the bride, the Acharya is the bride's father, and God is the bridegroom. Swami Vedanta Desika refers to this as *Aatma Vivaham* in the sloka *Datta: praja* from Saranagathi Deepikai. *Bhara Nyasam* serves as the gateway to seeking permission to serve God, both now and hereafter, signifying the highest protection for the soul: returning it to its rightful owner, God.

Surrender – referred to as *Saranagathi*, *Bhara Nyasam*, or *Prapatthi* – is the chosen method for restoring the soul. There are two types: *Aartha Prapatthi*, where noble souls achieve liberation immediately, and *Druptha Prapatthi*, intended for ordinary people, in which surrender is realised at the end of life. The unique benefit of *Saranagathi* is that it erases all past and present sins, frees us from bondage, and ensures liberation from rebirth. Even after surrender, if a person errs, it is believed that God offers gentle correction and accepts the soul. Thus, returning the soul to God leads to ultimate spiritual safety and fulfilment.

INBRIEF

SEBI postpones securities and cash settlements

SEBI has announced that the settlement for cash and securities lending and borrowing mechanism segments stands postponed, with September 5 and 8 being clearing corporation holidays. In a statement, SEBI said that the settlement for derivative transactions on September 4, 5 and 8 will be done on Tuesday (September 9) Cash and Securities Lending and Borrowing Mechanism (SLBM) market transactions for September 4 and September 5 will also be done on Tuesday.

Gautam Solar plans ₹4,000 cr. investment in solar cell plant

Gautam Solar on Monday said it will invest ₹4,000 crore in a 5 GW solar cell manufacturing plant in Madhya Pradesh. The project will be developed on 54 acres of land in Gwalior, where the company will focus on producing advanced TOPCon solar cells , the company said in a statement. Phase 1 with a 2 GW manufacturing capacity has begun and would be completed by CY2026. Gautam Solar plans to unveil an IPO to raise funds for Phase 2, which will have an additional 3 GW capacity. PTI

HCL inducts Amitabh Kant as an Independent Director

HCLTech on Monday announced the appointment of Amitabh Kant as an Independent Director with effect from September 8. "Amitabh Kant joins us at a pivotal moment in our journey as well as within the industry. His thought leadership and long-term thinking will be invaluable in shaping our strategy," said C. Vijayakumar, CEO & Managing Director, HCLTech. Mr. Kant has held prominent positions in the Government of India, including as the CEO of NITI Aayog.

Red sea cable cuts take a toll on Indian networks to Europe

Internet traffic to and from Europe has noticeably slowed down following the disconnection of undersea cable systems, data show

Aroon Deep
NEW DELHI

Bharti Airtel Ltd., Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd. and Tata Communications Ltd.'s networks are among many dealing with increased latency to traffic between India and Europe, according to telemetry published by the San Francisco-based network intelligence firm Kentic, Inc. This follows cuts to the undersea cable systems SEA-ME-WE 4 and IMEWE in the Red Sea, which connect India to West Asia and Europe. Undersea cables are an essential part of the global Internet's infrastructure, forming the backbone of networks around the world.

Latency is a measure of how long a data packet takes to make a round trip between two points. While latency between any two points on earth is rarely over one second, differences between domestic and international traffic can be perceptible, such as an inter-continental video call. According to Kentic's data, latency between Europe and Mumbai (where most subsea cables land in India), went up from roughly 110-150ms to 190-300ms, depending on which cloud service provider was used to test the latency.

So far, widespread disruptions to networks have not been detected, as India has over a dozen subsea cable systems landing in the country, allowing telcos to reroute traffic over other systems (which are less optimal, but in any case allow for traffic to continue flowing). Airtel, Tata Communications and Reliance Jio did not respond to a request for comment. The Department of Telecommunications did not respond to a query.

This is the second disruption to subsea cable systems connecting to India, after three subsea cable systems faced cuts in the Red Sea in the middle of last year, also linked to Houthi attacks in the ongoing crisis in the region.

Choppy network

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India, Qatar likely to finalise terms of reference for FTA in early October

Saptaparno Ghosh
NEW DELHI

Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal may visit the Gulf country to finalise the same on October 6

India is likely to finalise terms of reference for a free trade agreement (FTA) with Qatar in the first week of October, a government source said on Monday. The source added that Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal may visit the Gulf country to finalise the same on October 6.

The possibility of a comprehensive economic partnership agreement (CEPA) with Doha was first announced in February during the Emir of Qatar Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani's visit to India. The two sides sought to double their bilateral trade by 2030.

Doha accounts for 1.22% of India's total trade. In FY 2024-25, India exported goods worth about $1.68 billion, whilst it imports totalled $12.47 billion. Qatar's key exports to India include liquefied natural gas (LNG), liquefied petroleum gas (LPG), chemicals and petrochemicals and aluminium articles, among other things.

Expanding the number of FTA partners has emerged as an imperative for New Delhi in response to U.S. President Donald Trump-induced tariff regime.

Washington instituted a 50% tariff on Indian products inclusive of a 25% penalty for buying Russian oil. For perspective, trade with the North American country accounted for 11.4% of India's overall trade in FY 2024-25.

Talks progressing well

Enumerating progress about the trade agreement with the European Union, the source stated that talks were progressing well with a delegation of the European Union already in New Delhi. Mr. Goyal is expected to meet the trade commissioner for EU Maroš Šefčovič on Friday as part of the 13th round of talks.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	MONDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	80,787	0.09
Gold	1,07,122	-0.69
Brent oil	66.12	—

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	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	2310.90	29.50
Adani Ports	1348.30	26.50
Apollo Hosp	7786.50	-18.00
Asian Paints	2530.80	-49.10
Axis Bank	1055.50	-0.40
Bajaj Auto	9433.50	349.00
Bajaj Finserv	2008.40	-6.00
Bajaj Finance	944.30	6.70
Bharat Elec	371.90	1.10
Bharti Airtel	1887.70	-7.60
Cipla	1541.20	-12.20
Coal India	387.05	-5.60
Dr Reddys Lab	1250.60	-17.50
Eicher Motors	6815.00	234.50
Eternal Ltd.	329.65	0.50
Grasim Ind	2804.10	0.10
HCL Tech	1403.00	-16.00
HDFC Bank	966.00	2.60
HDFC Life	753.75	-5.80
Hero MotoCorp	5443.00	80.00
Hindalco	738.75	-5.05
Hind Unilever	2623.90	-9.50
ICICI Bank	1402.70	-0.10
IndusInd Bank	750.75	-6.30
Infosys	1432.90	-11.70
ITC	407.55	0.20
Jio Financial Services Ltd.	311.10	1.70
JSW Steel	1101.40	28.30
Kotak Bank	1950.10	4.60
L&T	3529.60	-24.00
M&M	3701.40	140.10
Maruti Suzuki	15258.00	363.00
NestleIndia	1187.70	-20.80
NTPC	326.70	-2.00
ONGC	232.53	-1.60
PowerGrid Corp	282.80	-2.55
Reliance Ind	1378.50	3.50
SBI Life	1780.90	-24.40
State Bank	808.80	2.20
Shriram Finance Ltd.	596.75	4.25
Sun Pharma	1581.00	-12.60
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Tata Motors	719.50	27.80
Tata Steel	168.82	1.14
TCS	3019.00	-29.30
Tech Mahindra	1460.70	-17.20
Titan	3658.00	-7.30
Trent Ltd.	5315.50	-213.00
UltraTech Cement	12664.00	63.00
Wipro	242.52	-1.15

'India halts grid access for 17 GW of clean energy projects'

Reuters
NEW DELHI

India has cancelled grid access for nearly 17 gigawatts (GW) of delayed clean energy projects to prioritise connections for those that are operational or nearing completion, according to a source familiar with the matter and official documents reviewed by *Reuters*.

The state-run Central Transmission Utility of India Ltd. (CTUIL) informed companies including Adani Green Energy , ReNew Power, NTPC, Avaada Group, JSW Energy, and ACME Solar about the cancellations, the documents show. The affected projects are located in renewable-rich states such as Rajasthan, western Gujarat, and Madhya Pradesh in central India, according to a document from the federal agency overseeing interstate transmission access.

Notices served

The grid access terminations were carried out in the June quarter after prior notices were issued to the companies, said the source, who requested anonymity as the firms are seeking relief from the federal power regulator, the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC).

Venture Catalysts raises ₹150 crore

Venture Catalysts, a multi-stage venture investing platform, said it has raised ₹150 crore funding comprising a mix of primary and secondary transactions. The proceeds will be used for launch of new funds among others.

SpiceJet fully repays $24 million to Credit Suisse

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

SpiceJet on Monday said it has completed the full payment of $24 million to Credit Suisse, fulfilling the terms of the settlement reached more than three years ago.

On the date of execution of the settlement agreement in May 2022, the total claim of Credit Suisse/SR Technics was $41.77 million, which the parties agreed to settle for $24 million in a structured payment plan, as per a release.

According to the release, the settlement marks the closure of a long-standing liability pre-dating the tenure of the airline's current promoter.

Alstom to start supplies to ICF for Vande Bharat trains

With 16 metro rail projects and 20 more in pipeline, India has high potential in urban mobility

M. Soundariya Preetha
COIMBATORE

Alstom India will start supplies to the Integral Coach Factory (ICF) of Indian Railways for Vande Bharat sleeper trains from next fiscal, said Champak Panda, managing director of Alstom India's Rolling Stock and Component business.

Alstom bagged a contract worth €144 million (about ₹1,285 crore) to supply Mitrac traction components and other electrical equipment for 17 Vande Bharat Sleeper train sets (408 cars) to the ICF.

It has started supplying to the Rail Coach Factory at Kapurthala and will deliver four train sets (Vande Bharat seater trains) this financial year, he added.

With India having 16 metro rail projects and 20 more in the pipeline, the country has high potential in urban mobility.

Alstom invested €17 million since 2021 in India component business. Almost 60% of the components made at the plant here are exported, he said. It is also weighing the possibility of debuting transformer capability in India.

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2. RTPP Act 2012 and Rules 2013 with all amendment will also be applicable.
3. Bid document for downloading would be available at e-proc website **www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in** starting from 4th Sept, 2025. Deadline for bid submission up to 12:00 hours on 26th Sept, 2025.
4. Pre-bid Meeting for the work package will be held at 15:00 hours on 11th Sept, 2025. All the prospective bidders are advised to participate in the Pre-bid meeting.
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NOTICE INVITING TENDER NO 06 Dated: 08/09/2025
Tenders (Pre-qualification and or (Commercial offers) through e-procurement portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** are invited for supply of the following Goods/Services/ Equipment:

Tender Nos. as per E-portal	Nomenclature of Items/ Services/ Equipment	Tender Value in Crores Rs. (Approx)	Last date for submission of tender @ 17:00 Hrs.
KSRTC/2025-26/IND0224	Supply, Installation and commissioning of Universal Sheet Metal Nibbling Machine, Vertical Band SAW Machine, Cylinder Head Pressure Testing Machine, Cylinder Head Seat & Guide Machine vertical Boring Machine vertical haring Machine & 3 Ton Capacity Diesel Fork Lifter on turnkey Basis.	2.90	29/09/2025
KSRTC/2025-26/IND0225	Procurement of Tyre, tube Flap sets, tubeless tyres and additional tubes & Flaps	40.00	03/10/2025
KSRTC/2025-26/IND0228	Procurement of Automotive Glasses	13.00	03/10/2025
KSRTC/2025-26/IND0229	Procurement of Pre-cured Tread Rubber with Allied Materials	11.00	03/10/2025
KSRTC/2025-26/IND0230	Procurement of Spring Leaves	10.00	03/10/2025
KSRTC/2025-26/IND0231	Procurement of Rubber Glazing with Inserts (EPDM Rubber)	0.95	18/09/2025
KSRTC/2025-26/IND0232	Procurement of Vinly Floor mat	0.60	18/09/2025
KSRTC/2025-26/IND0233	Procurement of Synthetic Rubber Adhesive	0.40	18/09/2025
KSRTC/2025-26/IND0234	Procurement of FIP Spares for Denso Pump	0.49	18/09/2025
KSRTC/2025-26/IND0235	Procurement of Turbo Charger Spares	0.49	18/09/2025
KSRTC/2025-26/IND0236	Procurement of Automotive Lubricants required for Ashok Leyland & TATA BS VI vehicles	2.20	06/10/2025
KSRTC/2025-26/IND0237	Procurement of Brake linings & Clutch facings with rivets (Asbestos free)	12.00	18/09/2025
KSRTC/2025-26/IND0238	Procurement of Head Light Assembly and Accessories	5.00	18/09/2025
KSRTC/2025-26/IND0239	Procurement of Automotive Batteries	2.00	03/10/2025
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KSRTC/2025-26/ IND0226	Procurement of Desktop Computers and printers,	2.00	11/09/2025
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'Two-wheelers lift Aug. auto retail sales'

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Enquiries were strong for 2Ws.

Overall automobile retail sales in August saw a modest 2.84% YoY growth led by 2-wheelers (2W) up 2.18%, passenger vehicles up 0.93% and commercial vehicles up 8.55% while tractors logged an exceptional 30.14% growth, as per data released by Federation of Automobile Dealers Association (FADA).

Only 3-wheelers (3W) and construction equipment segments suffered a contraction of 2.26% and 26.45% respectively.

"At the close of August, average inventory levels stood elevated at around 56 days," said FADA President C. S. Vigneshwar.

On near term outlook, FADA said September will be a two-phase month for auto retails: a muted first half due to *Shraddh* and GST wait-and-watch, followed by a sharp surge.

Coal output rises 8% in August over July

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Coal production in India rose about 8% on a month-on-month basis notwithstanding a lacklustre season owing to operational constraints triggered by monsoons and typically lower demand during the period. However, for the period until August since the commencement of the financial year, production slipped a marginal 0.6%.

Public-sector enterprise Coal India accounted for about 76% of overall output on a year-to-date basis.

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JERUSALEM

Israeli PM tells Gaza City residents to 'leave now' as 25 killed in strikes

AFP

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told residents of Gaza City on Monday to evacuate, as the military ramped up its deadly assault on the Palestinian territory's largest urban centre. Gaza's civil defence agency meanwhile said at least 39 people had been killed by Israel, including 25 in Gaza City, on Monday. AFP

LA PLATA

Argentina President Milei suffers major setback in provincial vote

REUTERS

Argentine President Javier Milei's libertarian party suffered a drubbing in a key provincial election. Budget-slashing Mr. Milei's La Libertad Avanza (LLA) came out nearly 14 percentage points lower than the centre-left Fuerza Patria coalition, which won Buenos Aires provincial elections on Sunday with 47% of votes cast. AFP

LONDON

Millions affected after London underground train workers strike

AFP

Rush-hour commuters faced chaos on Monday as staff on the London Underground train network staged a five-day strike, shutting stations and forcing people to work from home or use alternative modes of transport. The trade union called the strike on the Tube as they battle to secure better pay and conditions. AFP

WASHINGTON

U.S. court upholds $83 million defamation order against Trump

AP

A U.S. appeals court upheld on Monday a jury's $83.3 million penalty against President Donald Trump for defaming author E. Jean Carroll, whom he was found to have sexually assaulted. Carroll alleged that Trump defamed her in 2019, when she made her assault allegations public, by saying she "is not my type." AFP

Spanish PM unveils nine measures aimed at stopping 'Gaza genocide'

Boats carrying fuel destined for Israeli military will be barred from Spanish ports, and Spain to reduce transport of military equipment to Israel by air; all those people participating directly in the genocide will be banned from entering Spain

Agence France-Presse
MADRID

Spain's Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez on Monday announced nine measures aimed at stopping "the genocide in Gaza", including an arms embargo on Israel and a ban on vessels carrying fuel for the Israeli military from using Spanish ports.

The announcement marks the latest escalation of Spain's outspoken criticism of the Israeli offensive in Gaza, which was sparked by the unprecedented Hamas attack on Israel in 2023.

Tattered existence: A woman carries a prayer mat at the site of an overnight Israeli strike on a tent in Gaza City on Monday. REUTERS

The measures aim to "stop the genocide in Gaza, pursue its perpetrators and support the Palestinian population", Mr. Sanchez said.

He said his left-wing government would approve a decree to "consolidate in law" a ban on military equipment sales or purchases with Israel, a measure it had applied since the start of the conflict.

Boats carrying fuel destined for the Israeli military will be barred from Spanish ports, and Spain will act to reduce the transport of military equipment to Israel by air, Mr. Sanchez said.

"All those people participating directly in the genocide, the violation of human rights and war crimes in the Gaza Strip" will be banned from entering Spanish territory, he added.

Spain will also ban the importation of products from "illegal settlements" in the Palestinian territories with the aim of stopping "the forced displacement of the Palestinian population" and supporting the two-state solution, Sanchez said.

Consular services for Spanish citizens residing in illegal Israeli settlements will be limited "to the legally obligatory minimum assistance", he said.

Mr. Sanchez also announced new collaboration projects in agriculture, food security and medical aid to support the Palestinian Authority and additional humanitarian funds for Palestinians.

Six killed as gunmen open fire at Jerusalem bus stop

Associated Press
JERUSALEM

Palestinian attackers opened fire on people at a bus stop during the morning rush hour in Jerusalem on Monday, killing six persons and wounding another 12, according to Israeli officials.

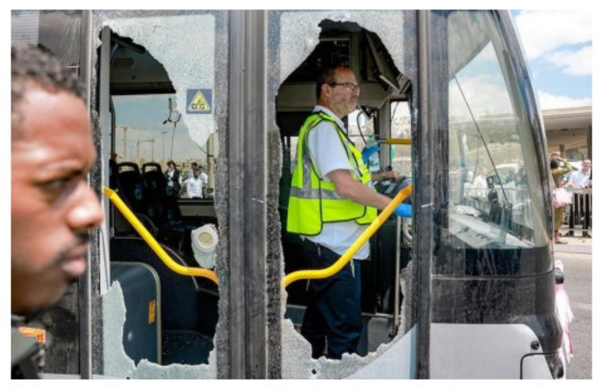
An Israeli soldier and civilians who were at the scene shot and killed the two attackers, said police, who later arrested a third person in connection with the shooting. Footage of the attack showed dozens of people fleeing from the bus stop at a busy intersection.

The war in Gaza has sparked a surge of violence in both the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Israel. Monday's shooting – at a major intersection, with a road leading to Jewish settlements in east Jerusalem – was the deadliest in Israel since October 2024.

Israeli Foreign Minister Gideon Saar identified the attackers as Palestinian.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu arrived at the scene. Mr. Netanyahu was supposed to be in court on Monday for his ongoing corruption trial.

The Israeli military said it is encircling Palestinian villages on the outskirts of the nearby West Bank city of Ramallah as it steps up defence in response.



A damaged bus at the scene of the shooting at the Ramot road junction in Israeli-annexed east Jerusalem on Monday. AFP

French PM Bayrou ousted in parliament confidence vote

Agence France-Presse
PARIS

France's parliament on Monday ousted the government of Prime Minister Francois Bayrou after just nine months in office, leaving President Emmanuel Macron scrambling to find a successor and plunging the country into crisis.

Mr. Bayrou, who has been in the job for just nine months, had blindsided even his allies by calling a confidence vote to end a lengthy stand-off over his austerity Budget, which foresees almost €44 billion of cost savings to reduce France's debt pile.

Mr. Bayrou, the first premier in the history of modern France to be ousted in a confidence vote rather than a no-confidence vote. In the National Assembly, 364 deputies voted that they had no confidence in the government, while just 194 gave it their confidence. "In line with Article 50 of the constitution, the Prime Minister must submit the resignation of his government," Speaker Yael Braun-Pivet said. Mr. Bayrou is the sixth Prime Minister under Mr. Macron since his 2017 election but the fifth since 2022.

A year in and without projects, U.K. India Infra Bridge recommends policy changes

Sriram Lakshman
LONDON

The U.K. India Infrastructure Financing Bridge (UKIIFB), an initiative launched by the Indian and the U.K. governments in September 2024, marked its first anniversary by launching a report in London, the financial district of the U.K. capital, on Monday morning.

However, a year since a handful of projects were identified for investment, they are no longer in the pipeline and have been replaced with eight recommendations themed around de-risking investment opportunities in India.

Chris Hayward

Those leading the initiative are hoping the second year will be different, with $2 trillion needed in infrastructure investment by 2030 to meet the country's needs. However, changes are needed to make India more competitive in the global investment landscape. The second year of the Bridge will also have a special focus on the renewal energy sector.

Compelling case

Chris Hayward, who is the policy chief of the City of London Corporation, called the report a "compelling case for change" that outlines "Indian infrastructure projects more investible". The Corporation represents the U.K. lead for the UKIIFB, while NITI Aayog, India's official policy think tank, is the India lead.

Mr. Hayward, fresh from a visit to India, believes that the regulatory environment under the Narendra Modi government is "definitely moving in the right direction" but "there's still work to be done", he said, citing his discussions last week with the insurance industry in Hyderabad.

Recommendations in the UKIIFB report include aligning the Indian procurement process with globally recognised frameworks, (such as the U.K.'s Five Case Model) as well as aligning with global (Environmental, Social, Governance (ESG) standards. India will also need to address operational risks for projects and the perception of unpredictability and opacity in construction, as per the report.

Russia has three-fold frontline advantage: Ukraine Army chief

Agence France-Presse
KYIV

Ukraine said on Monday that Russia has a large advantage in manpower and resources along the front line in the east of the country where Moscow's Army has been steadily advancing for months.

"The enemy has a threefold advantage in forces and resources, and in the main areas of concentration, it can prevail by four to six times," Oleksandr Syrsky said on social media summarising battlefield developments over the previous month.

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Russian forces advanced in eastern Ukraine throughout August, though at a slightly slower pace than in previous months.

He said Ukrainian forces regained control over 58 sq. km. and several small settlements. Russia now occupies around 20% of Ukraine, and has said it will continue fighting.

Sport

Red Bishop steals the thunder in the Deccan Colts Championship Stakes

HYDERABAD: Trainer Pesi Shroff's ward Red Bishop, powerfully ridden by P. Trevor, beat first favourite Prokofiev at the post to win the Y. Shanker Rao Memorial Deccan Colts Championship Stakes, the stellar attraction of Monday's (Sept. 8) races.

The winner is owned by Mr. K.N. Dhunjibhoy, Mr. Z.K. Dhunjibhoy & Ms. Anosha Meyers rep. Five Stars Shipping Co. Pvt. Ltd., Ms. Anita J. Captain, Mr. Dinshaw P. Adenwalla, Mrs. Jasmine D. Adenwalla, Mr. A.S. Narielwala & Mr. Vispi R. Patel, M. James O' Donnell rep. by Kingsmoor World India Pvt. Ltd. & Mr. Abhilash Puljal. Trevor settled this son of Kingda Ka-Solar Midnight in fifth position until the bend before the gelding unleashed a powerful run down the straight to challenge Prokofiev and after a hard-fought battle, pipped the latter at the post.

1. MEDAK PLATE (1,200M): NYANZA (R.N. Darshan) 1, Roxxane (Akshay K) 2, City Of Moksha (Ajay K) 3 and Kitsune (B.R. Kumar) 4. 1/2, Short Head and 7. 1m, 14.93s. ₹31 (w), 11, 19 and 16 (p). SHP: 26, THP: 60, SHW: 22 and 44, FP: 247, Q: 141, Tanala: 1,049. Favourite: Nyanza.

Owner: Mr. S.A. Shehzad Abbas. Trainer: Raza Shehzad.

2. CHAITANYA CHAKRAM PLATE (1,400M): LAKE MICHIGAN (B.R. Kumar) 1, Bestie (Md. Ekram) 2, Sharanga (Akshay K) 3 and Tootsie Darling (Trevor) 4. 3, 1/2 and 3/4. 1m, 26.58s.₹28 (w), 22, 52 and 22 (p). SHP: 74, THP: 42, SHW: 14 and 47, FP: 613, Q: 228, Tanala: 1,370. Favourite: Tootsie Darling.

Owners: M/s. Rama Seshu Eyunni, Ashok Kumar Gupta, M. Prashant Kumar, M. Pradeep Kumar & Rafaat Hussain. Trainer: R.H. Sequeira.

Rewarding excellence: Y. Gopi Rao presenting the winner's trophy to the owners of Red Bishop in the presence of HRC chairman R. Surender Reddy. G. RAMAKRIASHNA

3. HUSSAIN SAGAR CUP (DIV. I) (1,400M): BOLD BEAUTY (P. Sai Kumar) 1, Blue Pantheress (P. Ajeeth K) 2, Sadiya (H.M. Akshay) 3 and Star Medal (Abhay Singh) 4. 1-1/4, 1/2 and 3. 1m, 28.74s. ₹19 (w), 14, 14 and 26 (p). SHP: 48, THP: 47, SHW: 10 and 27, FP: 69, Q: 61, Tanala: 758. Favourite: Bold Beauty.

Owners: M/s. Vara Prasad Reddy & A.C. Subbaiah. Trainer: N. Rawal.

4. HUSSAIN SAGAR CUP (DIV. II) (1,400M): SHAH OF IRAN (R.N. Darshan) 1, Sweet Dancer (P. Ajeeth K) 2, Shubhrak (Md. Ismail) 3 and Take A Breath (Mukesh K) 4. 2, 6 and 1/2. 1m, 28.64s. ₹21 (w), 17, 25 and 19 (p). SHP: 86, THP: 39, SHW: 23 and 29, FP: 273, Q: 261, Tanala: 1,706. Favourite: Shah Of Iran.

Owners: M/s. S.A. Shehzad Abbas & Saqafath Ali Khan. Trainer: Raza Shehzad.

5. MONSOON CUP (1,400M): WALKING THUNDER (P. Trevor) 1, Petaluma (Vivek G) 2, Miss Smiley Angel (Mukesh K) 3 and Krystallos (Ashad Asbar) 4. 1/2, 3/4 and 8-3/4. 1m, 26.68s. ₹21 (w), 14, 13 and 10 (p). SHP: 30, THP: 61, SHW: 14 and 15, FP: 45, Q: 31, Tanala: 68. Favourite: Walking Thunder.

Owner: Mr. Aditya P. Thackersey. Trainer: L.V.R. Deshmukh.

6. KRISHNASAMY MEMORIAL CUP (1,200M): PACIFIC HEIGHTS (Akshay Kumar) 1, Star Forever (Ajay K) 2, Arion One (B.R. Kumar) 3 and Glorious Power (Md. Ekram) 4. 6-1/4, Nose and 1-1/4. 1m, 13.40s. ₹80 (w), 10, 13 and 12 (p). SHP: 33, THP: 26, SHW: 19 and 30, FP: 390, Q: 166, Tanala: 1,893. Favourite: Ayushman.

Owner: Mr. M. Ramakrishna Reddy. Trainer: L. D' Silva.

7. Y. SHANKER RAO MEMORIAL DECCAN COLTS CHAMPIONSHIP STAKES (GR. 3) (1,600M): RED BISHOP (KINGDA KA-SOLAR MIDNIGHT) (P. TREVOR) 1, Prokofiev (Leitir Mor-Balmoral Castle) (Antony Raj) 2, Knight Regent (Top Class-Allee Bleue) (Ashad Asbar) 3 and Matisse (Kingda Ka-Darinza) (K. Pranil) 4. Short Head, 5-3/4 and 3/4. 1m, 38.90s. ₹25 (w), 15, 12 and 23 (p). SHP: 38, THP: 73, SHW: 10 and 27, FP: 41, Q: 19, Tanala: 421. Favourite: Prokofiev.

Owners: Mr. K.N. Dhunjibhoy, Mr. Z.K. Dhunjibhoy & Ms. Anosha Meyers rep. Five Stars Shipping Co. Pvt. Ltd., Ms. Anita J. Captain, Mr. Dinshaw P. Adenwalla, Mrs. Jasmine D. Adenwalla, Mr. A.S. Narielwala & Mr. Vispi R. Patel, M. James O' Donnell rep. by Kingsmoor World India Pvt. Ltd. & Mr. Abhilash Puljal. Trainer: P. Shroff.

8. CHIEF MINISTER'S CUP (1,600M): NONPARIEL (Mukesh Kumar) 1, D Minchu (P. Ajeeth K) 2, Hugh Capet (Sandesh) 3 and Livermore (Akshay K) 4. Not run: Silver Act. 6-1/2, Neck and Neck. 1m, 39.39s. ₹14 (w), 10, 21 and 16 (p). SHP: 30, THP: 44, SHW: 10 and 18, FP. 38, Q: 36, Tanala: 244. Favourite: Nonpariel.

Owners: Mr. Rajendran rep. Rapar's Galloping Stars LLP, Mr. Tripuranenivenkata Aditya Chowdary & Mr. P. Ranga Raju. Trainer: D. Netto.

9. MAKALU PLATE (1,200M): JIM (Shivansh) 1, Noorian (Sonu K) 2, Ilene (Deepak) 3 and Always Special (Kuldeep Jr.) 4. Short Head, 3-1/2 and 1-1/4. 1m, 17.45s. ₹22 (w), 14, 25 and 11 (p). SHP: 44, THP: 26, SHW: 22 and 20, FP; 57, Q: 50, Tanala: 164. Favourite: Jim.

Owner: Mrs. T. Rohini. Trainer: M.F. Ali Khan.

Jackpot: (i) 70%: ₹20, 107 (5 tkts.) & 30%: 3,917 (11 tkts.); (ii) 70%: 7,086 (80 tkts.), 30%: 361 (673 tkts.).

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Central makes four changes in squad for Duleep Trophy final

CRICKET

Press Trust of India
MUMBAI

Vidarbha seamer Nachiket Bhute and Madhya Pradesh's Kumar Kartikeya Singh were among the four replacement players named on Monday in the Central Zone squad for the Duleep Trophy final against South Zone from September 11 to 15 at the CoE ground, Bengaluru.

While Bhute will replace Vidarbha teammate Yash Thakur, left-arm spinner Kartikeya has been drafted in place of Harsh Dubey.

The Central Zone selectors also named Madhya Pradesh right-arm pacer Kuldeep Sen and Rajasthan left-arm spinner Ajay Singh Kukna as replacement players for Khaleel Ahmed and Manav Suthar.

The changes were announced following the inclusion of Thakur, Dubey, Khaleel and Suthar in the India-A team to take on Australia-A in Lucknow in two four-day unofficial Tests, from September 16 to 19 and 23 to 26.

Updated Central squad: Rajat Patidar (Capt.), Ayush Pandey, Danish Malewar, Shubham Sharma, Sanchit Desai, Yash Rathod, Nachiket Bhute, Kumar Kartikeya Singh, Aditya Thakare, Upendra Yadav (wk), Ajay Singh Kukna, Akshay Wadkar (wk), Deepak Chahar, Kuldeep Sen and Saransh Jain.

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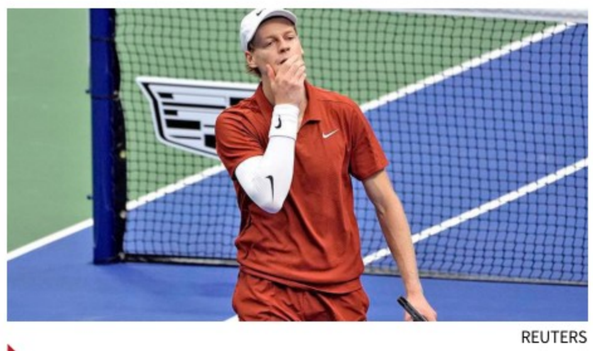
WAY FORWARD

Need to practice differently and try something new, says Sinner



REUTERS

I was too predictable in my play. Sometimes you have to get out of your comfort zone. Practice differently. Accept, that you might lose some matches in some tournaments because you try something new. This is how I can become more of a complete player — Jannik Sinner after the US Open final loss to Carlos Alcaraz.

TOPSY-TURVY

Pragg, Gukesh suffer shock defeats; Vaishali remains in joint lead

FIDE

Top seed R. Praggnanandhaa suffered a shock defeat to German Matthias Bluebaum, while World champion D. Gukesh lost to the world's youngest-ever GM Abhimanyu Mishra in the fifth round of the FIDE Grand Swiss in Samarkand on Monday. In the women's event, R. Vaishali is in joint lead after a draw with Kateryna Lagno.

MAKING THE CUT

Romdhane's injury-time strike takes Tunisia into World Cup

REUTERS

Mohamed Ben Romdhane scored in added time (90+4) to give Tunisia a 1-0 win in Equatorial Guinea on Monday and a spot in the 2026 FIFA World Cup. Tunisia has taken an unassailable lead in Group-H. It is the second African nation to secure a place at the tournament after Morocco.

CAUSING A FLUTTER

Alireza on the prowl as Bulls tame Steelers; Ayan stars for Pirates

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Bengaluru Bulls rode on a superb show from Alireza Mirzaiain to stun defending champion Haryana Steelers 40-33 in a PKL 12 match at Visakhapatnam on Monday. Alireza scored his second straight Super 10. In the other match, Ayan Lochab starred with 21 points as Patna Pirates powered past Puneri Paltan 48-37.

India frontrunner in race for continental cricket crown

The eight-team T20 tournament begins with Afghanistan taking on Hong Kong in Abu Dhabi on Tuesday; the Men in Blue's campaign starts against the UAE in Dubai on Wednesday

ASIA CUP

Vivek Krishnan
DUBAI

"India is playing Pakistan, right? When are they meeting?"

The immigration officer at Delhi airport posed a quick query on finding out the purpose of travel to the United Arab Emirates.

Geopolitical realities, in the aftermath of a four-day military conflict between the neighbours in May that followed a terror attack in Pahalgam, may have cast doubts on the Asia Cup in the months leading up, but now that the 17th edition of the continental event is getting underway on Tuesday, there can be no disputing the fixture that will occupy centre-stage over the next three weeks.

As has been the case in multi-nation tournaments for the past decade, it is not by coincidence that India – the official host – and Pakistan have been drawn together in Group-A alongside the United Arab Emirates and debutant Oman.

It means that Afghanistan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka will have to slug it out to be among the two teams from Group-B, also comprising Hong Kong, that advance to the next stage.

If things go according to plan, India will face Pakistan once more in the Super Four phase, with a third meeting possible provided both teams enter the summit clash on September 28.

Beyond the big draw that India versus Pakistan continues to be in the eyes of the organisers, even though recent contests suggest otherwise, the Asia Cup's survival has also been helped by its flexibility since 2016 in switching between the 50-over and T20 versions based on the demands of the cricketing calendar.

The previous event in 2023, won by India, was held in the 50-over format ahead of the ODI World Cup that year.

This edition, featuring eight sides for the first time in the competition's four-decade existence, will be a T20 affair to facilitate preparations for next year's T20 World Cup in India and Sri Lanka.

Afghanistan will take on Hong Kong in the opener at the Zayed Cricket Stadium in Abu Dhabi on Tuesday.

The Men in Blue, who won the T20 World Cup last year, will kick off their campaign against the UAE in Dubai on Wednesday.

Up for it: The Indian players will be keen on getting back into competitive mode. X@BCCI

After a prolonged break from national duty since the end of the Test series against England on August 4, India's players will be eager to get back into competitive mode at a venue where they have fond memories of winning the ICC Champions Trophy just six months ago.

That there is intense competition for places is distinctly clear from the absence of Yashasvi Jaiswal and Shreyas Iyer in the 15-member contingent.

Based on recent evidence, there is no obvious challenger to India's might.

Sri Lanka was skittled out for 80 in a five-wicket defeat to Zimbabwe on Saturday while Afghanistan and Pakistan blew hot and cold in the just-concluded tri-series that the latter won. Bangladesh has interestingly got the better of both Pakistan and Sri Lanka of late, but it has shown a worrying trend of faltering in crunch situations against India.

If there is a ray of hope for these teams, it is that pre-tournament expectations don't always play out at the Asia Cup. After all, there has never been an India-Pakistan final in all these years.

Asia Cup champions

Year	Winner
1984	India
1986	Sri Lanka
1988	India
1990/91	India
1995	India
1997	Sri Lanka
2000	Pakistan
2004	Sri Lanka
2008	Sri Lanka
2010	India
2012	Pakistan
2014	Sri Lanka
2016*	India
2018	India
2022*	Sri Lanka
2023	India

*Held in 20-over format

Suryakumar's men gear up for action after a long break

Vivek Krishnan
DUBAI

With a slight breeze tempering the stifling heat in the bustling metropolis, India's batters went about finding the middle of their willows while the bowlers tested the ideal lengths to hit at the ICC Academy nets on Monday evening. The Indian team has had a month-long break after a gruelling five-Test series in England, and although a few players have had game time in the Duleep Trophy and the local T20 leagues, it is unusual for them to be away from the intensity of international cricket for this long.

If clues had to be gleaned from the practice session with two days to go for India's opening encounter against the United Arab Emirates, the fact that Jitesh Sharma and Shivam Dube were among the first lot of batters along with Tilak Varma and Hardik Pandya - they were later joined by skipper Suryakumar Yadav and Shubman Gill -- seemed instructive. Jitesh and Dube went on to bat for more than an hour, alternating between throwdowns, pace and spin. Sanju Samson, who is in a battle with Jitesh for the wicketkeeper's slot, cooled his heels for much of the session before facing the net bowlers towards the end.

Tuning in: Pacer Arshdeep will be a key member of the Indian attack. X@BCCI

Among the aspects that the Indian think-tank will mull over is the combination of the bowling department. In India's flawless run to the Champions Trophy crown in Dubai in March, it went with just the one specialist seamer and four spinners towards the business end with Hardik playing the role of the second seamer. Here, it has to decide whether to opt for two or three spinners.

"When the Champions Trophy was played, there was a lot of cricket on the surfaces here and they looked a little bit tired," India bowling coach Morne Morkel told the media on Monday. "I believe there's quite a bit of grass covering on the square. It's going to be crucial to find a quick understanding about the conditions and how the wicket is going to play."

India edges Oman on penalties, finishes third

CAFA NATIONS CUP

Press Trust of India
HISOR (TAJIKISTAN)

The Indian men's football team got the better of Oman 3-2 on penalties to finish third in the CAFA Nations Cup here on Monday, beating its higher-ranked opponents from West Asia for the first time ever.

The tie finished 1-1 after extra time. Udanta Singh scored the equaliser for India in the 80th minute.

In the shootout, Oman missed its first two chances, while Gurpreet Singh Sandhu saved the final penalty.

Lallianzuala Chhangte, Rahul Bheke, and M.S. Jithin scored for India in the shootout, while Anwar Ali and Udanta Singh missed their kicks.

India had lost six out of its nine matches to Oman since 2000. The two teams had last met in March 2021 which ended in a 1-1 draw.

Khojiakbar Alijonov struck in the final minute of extra-time as co-host Uzbekistan stunned Iran 1-0 at Tashkent to emerge champion.

The result: Final:
At Tashkent: Uzbekistan (Alijonov 120) bt Iran 0 *aet*.

Third-place playoff:
At Hisor: India 1 (Udanta 80) drew with Oman 1 (Yahmadi 55) *aet*. India won 3-2 on penalties.

The hero: Gurpreet saved the final penalty as India prevailed over Oman in the shootout. FILE PHOTO: K. MURALI KUMAR

Ruthless Alcaraz roars past Sinner, regains title

US OPEN

Agence France-Presse
NEW YORK

Carlos Alcaraz beat Jannik Sinner in four sets on Sunday to win the US Open as loud boos – mixed with a smattering of cheers – greeted American President Donald Trump at the final in New York.

The 22-year-old Alcaraz won 6-2, 3-6, 6-1, 6-4 to capture his second US Open crown and sixth Grand Slam title, avenging his lone defeat in a Major final by Sinner at Wimbledon in July.

Alcaraz also reclaimed the world No. 1 ranking from Sinner on Monday, returning to top spot for the first time since September 2023 after ending the Italian's 27-match winning run at hard-court Grand Slams.

"I tried my best today. I couldn't do more," said Sinner, who was also defeated by Alcaraz in an epic French Open final in June.

Sinner's defeat extends the longest drought without a successful men's title defence of any Grand Slam in the Open era.

No man has retained the US Open crown since Roger Federer won five in a row from 2004 to 2008.

Back to his menacing best: Alcaraz captured his second US Open crown and sixth Grand Slam title, avenging his lone defeat in a Major final by Sinner at Wimbledon in July. GETTY IMAGES

The start of the final was pushed back 30 minutes to allow fans additional time to enter Arthur Ashe Stadium as a result of tighter security measures in effect due to Trump's attendance.

Even then the 23,000-capacity venue was no more than three-quarters full when Alcaraz broke Sinner in the opening game of the match.

As he did in the Wimbledon final, Alcaraz pinned Sinner on the back front early and broke a second time for a 5-2 lead before serving out to love.

With hundreds of spectators still waiting to get in at the start of the second set, Alcaraz sought to hammer home his advantage.

He created a break point but Sinner hung on and stalled Alcaraz's momentum, belatedly ramping up his game and surging 3-1 ahead as the Spaniard suffered a brief dip on serve.

Sinner levelled the contest at a set apiece but Alcaraz stormed back with another break early in the third, wriggling out of a tight spot on serve with the help of a sensational baseline smash that sliced away from his rival for a 3-0 edge. He padded his lead with another break and quickly wrapped up the set, keeping his foot down to corner Sinner again to begin the fourth set.

This time Sinner saved two break points but Alcaraz made another charge in the fifth game, delivering the decisive blow for an advantage he never relinquished as the Spaniard became only the fourth man to win multiple Majors on hard court, grass and clay.

Alcaraz factfile
World ranking: No. 1
Titles: 23
Grand Slams: 6
US Open (2) — 2022, 2025
Wimbledon (2) — 2023, 2024
French Open (2) — 2024, 2025

The result: Final: Men:
2-Alcaraz (Esp) bt 1-Sinner (Ita) 6-2, 3-6, 6-1, 6-4.

INBRIEF

Siraj nominated for ICC Player of the Month Award

India pacer Mohammed Siraj was on Monday nominated for ICC's Player of the Month Award for August for his heroics in the fifth and final Test of the England tour, along with New Zealand's Matt Henry and West Indies' Jayden Seales. In a series marked by injuries to several players from both teams, Siraj stood tall and featured in all five Tests to play a decisive role with 23 wickets, the highest by any bowler in the rubber.

Shooting World Cup in Ningbo from today

It will be mixed events of air rifle and air pistol on the opening day of the shooting World Cup in Ningbo, China, on Tuesday. After having made all its best shooters compete hard in the recent Asian Championship in Shymkent with great success, NRAI has given the chance for others to capitalise on the last World Cup of the season. The mixed air rifle is expected to feature, Ramita Jindal, Umamahesh Maddineni, Divyansh Singh Panwar and Meghana Sajjanar. The mixed air pistol will have Rhythm Sangwan, Nishant Rawat, Amit Sharma and Surbhi Rao. There will be 10 finals over the next five days, with sports pistol for women and rapid fire pistol for men, apart from air rifle, air pistol and rifle 3-position events.

Hjulmand replaces ten Hag as coach at Bayer Leverkusen

Bayer Leverkusen on Monday appointed Dane Kasper Hjulmand as coach, replacing Erik ten Hag, who was fired after just two league games in charge. The former Denmark coach has been appointed on a contract until 2027. "It is an honour to be entrusted with such a team", Hjulmand said in a statement, adding: "I'm motivated to shape the future of the club."

LIVE TELECAST

PKL: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & JioHotstar, 8 p.m.
Men's T20 Asia Cup: Sony Sports Ten 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 8 p.m.

Switzerland names strong team for Davis Cup tie against India

TENNIS

Sports Bureau
NEW DELHI

Jerome Kym, who qualified and reached the third round of the US Open, will spearhead the Switzerland team against India in the Davis Cup World Group-1 tie to be played on indoor hard court in Biel on September 12 and 13.

The 22-year-old Kym was ranked a career-best 123 in May, but has slipped to 155. He had won two Challenger titles last year.

The second best player will be the 29-year-old Marc-Andrea Huesler, who was ranked a career-best 47 in 2023.

Dominic Stricker may be ranked 244 at the moment, but the 23-year-old had qualified and reached the fourth round of US Open in 2023, beating Stefanos Tsitsipas and Benjamin Bonzi in five sets each, before falling to Taylor Fritz.

Jakub Paul is the fourth player in the Swiss team, and a doubles specialist with 35 titles in the professional circuit.

Sumit Nagal, ranked 290 at the moment, but was a career-best 68 last year, will be the spearhead for India. He will be backed by 19-year-old Aryan Shah and Karan Singh, 22.

The doubles for India will have Yuki Bhambri, who has jumped to a career-best rank of 22 by reaching the semifinals of the US Open. He is scheduled to partner Sriram Balaji.

The tie will feature four singles and a doubles, in the best-of-three sets format. The second day will have the doubles and the reverse singles.

Hyderabad well on course to retain title

After an engrossing battle, the side takes a 23-run first-innings lead against TNCA President's XI, thanks to Nitin Sai and Rohit's three-wicket hauls

BUCHI BABU

S. Dipak Ragav
CHENNAI

Spinners Nitin Sai Yadav (three for 55) and Rohit Rayudu (three for 96) bowled Hyderabad into a position of strength as they helped their side take a crucial 23-run first-innings lead against TNCA President's XI on day three of the Buchi Babu tournament final at the CSK-HPC ground on Monday.

At stumps, Hyderabad was 14 for one in its second essay and, barring a second-innings collapse on the final day, is on course to defend its crown.

Earlier, the TN side resumed the day on 142 for one and had the match in its hands, but the failure of set batters to convert their starts cost the team dear.

S. Radhakrishnan (98) started positively, striking a few boundaries before Rohit struck twice in two overs. The off-spinner first removed Pradosh Ranjan Paul and then trapped Radhakrishnan leg-before.

B. Indrajith (50) and C. Andre Siddarth (30) got President's XI back on track, stitching together a 52-run partnership, during which the hosts appeared to be in control.

However, Andre threw his wicket away off the last ball of the session when he tried to ramp pacer Nishanth over third-man and was caught in the deep.

G. Ajitesh (57) took on the spinners and took the hosts to within 49 runs of the target with five wickets in hand.

The Hyderabad bowlers, though, stayed patient on a pitch that was offering assistance to the spinners and in the final over before tea, leggie Varun Goud trapped Ajitesh with a quicker delivery.

It was the pivotal moment, and from there on, Rahul Singh's men slowly chipped away at the President's XI lower-order and now have one hand on the trophy.

The scores: Hyderabad 376 & 14/1 in 10 overs vs TNCA President's XI 353 in 138.2 overs (S. Radhakrishnan 98, R. Vimal Khumar 54, B. Indrajith 50, G. Ajitesh 57).

Missed opportunity: President's XI will rue losing the plot after a strong start to the innings.
B. JOTHI RAMALINGAM

India outclasses Singapore, storms into the Super 4s

HOCKEY

Press Trust of India
HANGZHOU

Navneet Kaur and Mumtaz Khan dazzled with a hat-trick each as India stormed into the Super 4s with a commanding 12-0 victory over Singapore in the women's Asia Cup hockey tournament, here on Monday.

While Navneet (14th, 20th, 28th minutes) and Mumtaz (second, 32nd, 39th) dominated the game majorly, a brace from Neha (11th, 38th) along with a goal each from Lalremsiami (13th), Udita (29th), Sharmila (45th) and Rutuja Pisal (53rd) ensured another brilliant victory for India.India, ranked 10th, got off to a strong start within the first two minutes. Mumtaz surged forward and unleashed a thunderous reverse stick shot from the top of the circle to open the scoring.

Classy show: Hat-tricks from Navneet and Mumtaz gave India a big victory. X@THEHOCKEYINDIA

The early pressure kept Singapore on the backfoot and managed to fend off India's first penalty corner in the eighth minute.

Before the first quarter ended, Navneet converted from a penalty corner in the 14th minute to make it 4-0.

India continued to pile on the pressure by winning a series of penalty corners and the third of those saw Navneet blasting it past the goalkeeper to complete her hat-trick.

Udita added another from a penalty corner giving India a dominating 7-0 lead at half-time. In the 39th minute, Mumtaz sounded the boards for a third time, marking India's second hat-trick of the match.

Rutuja Pisal etched her name on the scoresheet with a slick deflection in the 53rd minute.

Singapore pushed hard in search of a consolation, but it couldn't find a way through as India continued to unleash its excellence and closed out the contest with authority.

India will next take on the second-placed team from Pool A in the Super 4s on Wednesday.

Mixed day for Indian compound archers

Sports Bureau

A day after helping India claim the men's team title, Rishabh Yadav, Aman Saini and Prathamesh Fuge saw their individual journey ending in the quarterfinals of the World archery championships in Gwangju, Korea, on Monday.

Resuming their campaigns, the Indians won their respective pre-quarterfinal clashes. Fuge hogged the limelight by scoring a perfect 150 and upsetting World No.1 Dutchman Mike Schloesser by a point.

In the quarterfinals, Rishabh put up a strong fight against Nicolas Girard before the Frenchman won 146-145 on the last shot. Fuge gave World No.2 Mathias Fullerton a run for his money but lost 148-148 (9-10) via shoot-off.

Saini dropped points in four out of five ends as Curtis Broadnax bagged the contest 147-144.

In the women's individual, V. Jyothi Surekha, Parneet Kaur and Prithika Pradeep reached the pre-quarterfinals to stay in medal contention.

Staying in contention: Parneet made the pre-quarterfinals after three rounds of intense action. WORLD ARCHERY

The results:

Compound: Individual: Men: Rishabh Yadav bt Robin Jaatma (Est) 148-140 (pre-quarterfinal), lost to Nicolas Girard (Fra) 145-146 (quarterfinal); Prathamesh Fuge bt Mike Schloesser (Ned) 150-149 (pre-quarterfinal), lost to Mathias Fullerton (Den) 148-148, shoot-off: 9-10 (quarterfinal); Aman Saini bt Jean Philippe Boulch (Fra) 144-143 (pre-quarterfinal), lost to Curtis Broadnax (USA) 144-147 (quarterfinal).

Women: Prithika Pradeep bt Viktoriya Lyan (Kaz) 145-139 (1st round), bt Nguyen Thi Hai Chau (Vie) 145-142 (2nd round), bt Lisell Jaatma (Est) 148-145 (3rd round); V. Jyothi Surekha got byes (1st and 2nd rounds), bt Sofie Marcussen (Den) 149-148 (3rd round); Parneet Kaur bt Milica Petronijevic (Slo) 144-129 (1st round), bt Adriana Castillo (Mex) 146-145 (2nd round), bt Giulia Di Nardo (Ita) 148-146 (3rd round).

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Manikanth powers Vultures CC into final

Manikanth Shivanand (98 n.o.) powered Vultures CC past Swastic Union (1) in the semifinal of the KSCA under-19 inter-club tournament here.

The scores (semifinals): Swastic Union (1) 236/6 in 50 overs (Gagan Rao 39, R.V. Rohit 53, R. Parth 52) lost to Vultures CC 235/4 in 45.1 overs (Manikanth Shivanand 98 n.o., Akshath Prabhakar 38).

Jawans CC 131 in 34.4 overs (C. Vaibhav 4/33, Rishabh Adiga 3/30) lost to Vijaya CC 135/6 in 45.4 overs (Dhruv Krishnan 65 n.o., Arya Gowda 3/20).

Niki and Lavanya smash tons

Niki Prasad (108) and Lavanya Chalana (100) helped Rajajinagar Cricketers thrash Friends Union CC (1) by 232 runs in the quarterfinal of the KSCA women's league here.

The scores (quarterfinals): Rajajinagar Cricketers 332/6 in 50.0 overs (Roshini Kiran 31, Niki Prasad 108, Lavanya Chalana 100, Mithila Vinod 37) bt Friends Union CC (1) 100/8 in 31.2 overs (Niki Prasad 3/29).

Palar SC 310 in 47.3 overs (Vrinda Dinesh 112, C.U. Inchara 67, Shreya Chavan 42, Veda Varshini 3/41) bt Swastic Union (1) 61 in 18.3 overs (Sakshi Munavalli 5/33).

Vultures CC 236/8 in 50 overs (Aadya 39, R. Bhumika 32, Kinjal Patel 38, Ahlam 33) bt Mount Joy CC 120 in 34.3 overs (Rajashree Iyengar 39, Srinithi 3/13, Chinmayi Shivanand 3/17).

Hammonds CC 257/9 in 50 overs (Prangini 86, H.R. Saanvi 49, Kusuma Nagaraju 38) bt Dooravani Cricketers 101 in 35 overs (Anushree Samagond 33, R. Aditi 3/19).

Ananya, Divyanshi strike gold in WTT Youth Star Contender

Press Trust of India
SKOPJE (MACEDONIA)

Ananya Muralidharan and Divyanshi Bhowmick edged past China's Zhao Wangqi and Liu Ziling 11-8, 7-11, 11-8, 6-11, 14-12 to clinch the under-15 girls' doubles gold at the WTT Youth Star Contender here.

Riana Bhoota and Ankolika Chakravarty won bronze after losing to Ananya and Divyanshi 11-2, 10-12, 11-3, 11-6 in semifinals.

P.B. Abhinand and Ritvik Gupta bagged silver medals in the boys' under-19 and under-15 categories respectively.

Abhinand fell to Japan's Iwaida Shunto 6-11, 7-11, 8-11, while Ritvik went down fighting against Korea's Lee Seungsoo 8-11, 5-11, 8-11 in his title clash.

There were bronze medals for Abhinand and Syndrela Das in under-19 mixed doubles, and for the pair of Ritvik Gupta and Sahil Rawat in under-15 boys' doubles.

Ananya and Divyanshi with their big prize. X@MEDIA_SAI

Jaismine advances to quarterfinals

BOXING

Sports Bureau

Olympian Jaismine Lamboria (57kg) advanced to the quarterfinals while World youth champions Sakshi Chaudhary (54kg) and Sanamacha Chanu (70kg) fell in the pre-quarterfinals in women's competitions of the World boxing championships in Liverpool.

World Boxing Cup silver medallist Abhinash Jamwal (65kg) made the pre-quarterfinals in men's section.

Jaismine ousted Brazilian Olympian Jucielen Romeu 5-0 late on Sunday. She threw a few punches towards the fag end of a dull first-round contest to stay ahead. As Jucielen displayed aggression in the second, Jaismine countered well from a long range to consolidate her lead. The Indian moved better in the third round and landed scoring shots to frustrate the Brazilian and impress the judges.

Jamwal, who received a first round bye, saw off Mexican Hugo Barron's challenge with a 5-0 verdict to set up a last-16 meeting with Dominican Republic's Fernando de Jesus Piter.

Sanamacha was beaten 5-0 by Kazakhstan's World Cup-II winner Natalya Bogdanova.

On Monday, Sakshi lost to Paris Olympics silver medallist Hatice Akbas 0-5. Sakshi began messily and saw two points getting deducted from her for holding the Turkish southpaw in the first period. It practically sealed the duel in favour of Hatice, who landed clean left punches on her way to book a berth in the quarterfinals.

The Netherlands beats Lithuania

WC QUALIFIERS

Associated Press
MADRID

Memphis Depay became the Netherlands' all-time top-scorer with two goals in a 3-2 win at Lithuania in World Cup qualifying.

Depay scored his 51st and 52nd goals for the Netherlands, surpassing the 50 scored by Robin van Persie, according to FIFA. The 31-year-old Depay got the opening goal of the match in Kaunas in the 11th minute and the winner in the 63rd. The Netherlands tops Group-G with 10 points from four matches.

The results: Group-A: Germany 3 (Gnabry 7, Amiri 69, Wirtz 72) bt Northern Ireland 1 (Price 34); Luxembourg 0 lost to Slovakia 1 (Rigo 90). **Group-E:** Georgia 3 (Kvaratskhelia 30, Gagnidze 44, Mikautadze 65) bt Bulgaria 0; Turkiye 0 lost to Spain 6 (Pedri 6, 62, Merino 22, 45+1, 57, Torres 53).

Group-G: Lithuania 2 (Gineitis 36, Girdvainis 43) lost to Netherlands 3 (Depay 11, 63, Quinten Timber 33); Poland 3 (Cash 27, Lewandowski 45+2, Kaminski 54) bt Finland 1 (Kaellman 88).

Group-J: North Macedonia 5 (Buechel 15-og, Bardhi 52, Churlinov 56, Kjamili 82, Stankovski 90) bt Liechtenstein 0; Belgium 6 (De Bruyne 42, 84, Doku 44, 60, Raskin 51, Meunier 87) bt Kazakhstan 0.

PlayCom Summit to focus on multiple dimensions of sports

The two-day Conclave, across 13 panels, aims to bring the economic, cultural and technological aspects of sport to the forefront

Sports Bureau

The Hindu Group's *Sportstar*, in partnership with global consulting firm KPMG India, is set to host PlayCom 2025: Business of Sports Summit at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, on September 12 and 13. The two-day conclave, supported by the Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu, Tamil Nadu Champions Foundation, the Government of Uttar Pradesh, the Government of Punjab, the Government of Odisha, and JK Tyre, brings together leaders from sport, business and policy to debate how India can shape the global sporting future.

Across 13 panels, the Summit is unpacking the economic, cultural and technological dimensions of sport.

Sessions such as 'India in a League of its Own: How India Shapes Global Sport' and 'Gameplan 2036: India's Global Event Ambitions' examine India's place in the international sporting ecosystem and its aspirations to host mega-events.

Infrastructure is another key theme, with discussions on 'Building the Arenas of Tomorrow and Stadiums Without Walls,' which look at next-generation venues and digital-first fan engagement. The economic engine of sport is under the scanner too, from 'Moneyball India: Where Capital Meets Competition' and 'Made in India: The Manufacturing Muscle to Athlete Economy - From Endorsements to Influence.'

Policy and governance form a critical part of the discussion as well. 'Breaking down the National Sports Bill' explores legislative reform, while 'Sports for Jobs, Skills & Growth' highlights sport's potential as an employment generator. Innovation drives several conversations: 'Wired for Winning' looks at AI and sports science, while 'New Frontiers in Sports' explores wellness, fitness and emerging markets. The social responsibility of sport comes into focus in 'Purpose Play: CSR, Inclusion & Sport for All.'

With thought leaders, athletes and industry voices converging, PlayCom 2025 is mapping how India can harness sport as a catalyst for growth, influence and opportunity.

Vita Dani and Sanjay Adesara will feature in the Summit.
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Asia Cup triumph a confidence-booster, but greater challenges beckon

Going for it: The Indian team underlined its superiority in the continental competition. R. V. MOORTHY

HOCKEY

Uthra Ganesan
RAJGIR

A title was expected, a title was won. But the Indian men's Asia Cup triumph at the Rajgir Sports Complex on Sunday night was not as smooth as most people would have assumed. What it was, though, was a little of everything – nervousness, patience, adaptability and, at times, perfection.

As the highest-ranked side in the competition and the only Asian team that regularly plays at the top level in world hockey, India came into the competition as the favourite, purely on the basis of rankings. But rankings don't matter on the field of play; it's performance that counts. And India was coming in on the back of some ordinary performances over the past few months including its longest stretch of losses ever – seven games – in the FIH Pro League followed by an ordinary tour of Australia.

With all this and a World Cup spot at stake, it was not a surprise that the Indians started tentatively. After a hard-fought 4-3 win against China, a similarly nervy performance against Japan resulted in another narrow 3-2 win.

The Kazakhstan match afforded India a chance to regroup before defending champion Korea held the host to its only draw of the tournament.

Then came the grudge match against China. The two teams' recent matches have been close and with an army of top-level coaches in its corner, China hoped to run India close. Free-flowing and sure of themselves, the Indians did not afford China even a peep at their goal. The 7-0 dismantling was the top-ranked side finally asserting its dominance and it's become amply clear over the last few years that this Indian team, once it's found its groove, can become almost unstoppable. This time, Malaysia in the penultimate game and Korea again in the final were at the receiving end.

India's combination is built on individual brilliance tempered with the knowledge that the team comes first. The seven games through the Asia Cup proved that the players can adapt and control their flamboyance when needed. Player of the tournament Abhishek and Sukhjeet, guilty on more than one occasion early on, became restrained and, in the process, more dangerous. Manpreet proved age was just a number. Sumit and Vivek Sagar Prasad, the tireless workhorses in the middle who often slip under the radar with unassuming personalities, proved they were as indispensable to India's scoring as the scorers themselves.

At the launch: Atulya Misra, Tayyab Ikram, Udhayanidhi Stalin, Dilip Tirkey and Bhola Nath Singh during the function. R. RAGU

Indian boys to begin their campaign against Chile

JUNIOR WORLD CUP

K. Keerthivasan
CHENNAI

India will play its first match against Chile in the FIH junior men's hockey World Cup in Chennai on November 28, followed by a game against Pakistan on 29th, according to the fixtures released by Udhayanidhi Stalin, Deputy Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, at a function here on Monday.

India is in Pool-B with Pakistan, Chile and Switzerland.

The host will play Pakistan and Chile in Chennai, whereas the match against Switzerland (December 2) will be held in Madurai.

December 3 will be a rest day.

The crossover stages will begin on December 4 and will be held in both cities. The final will be in Chennai at 8 p.m. on December 10.

The World Cup will be held from November 28 to December 10.

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>
> **DILIP TIRKEY**
> Hockey India president

On conflicting reports of Pakistan's participation in the tournament, Dilip Tirkey, Hockey India president, said: "International Hockey Federation and the Indian government have welcomed the Pakistan team as you can see their name in the fixtures, but we haven't received any confirmation from Pakistan Hockey Federation yet. We are waiting."

Tayyab Ikram, president of FIH, Bhola Nath Singh, Hockey India secretary, spoke.

Atulya Misra, Additional Chief Secretary to Tamil Nadu government, was present.

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(Through KPP Portal Only)

Tenders in Electronic mode on "Percentage Basis" are invited on behalf of the **Managing Director, KNNL, Bengaluru,** by the **Executive Engineer, KNNL, HBC Division, Athani** in Two Cover System **(Cover-I and Cover-II),** from the eligible tenderer Super Grade Electrical Registration Certificate issued by CEIG with validity.

The details of the works are listed below. The tenderers are required to submit bid in Two Cover System as per Standard Bid Document of **KW-4**.

The contractors are expected to apply in Two Cover System (as per KTTP Act 2000) i.e. Technical Bid & Financial Bid.

The blank tender documents can be obtained through Website: **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in/kpp-portal/index.seam** under H.B.C. Division, Athani. **(Total 1 Work)**

The Approximate Estimated Cost of Work is Rs. 126.25 Lakhs

1) The contractor can request for e-Tendering Documents: **from 09-09-2025 at 10.30 AM to 17-09-2025 upto 4.00 PM. 2)** Last Date and Time for Tender Queries: **16-09-2025 upto 4.00 PM. 3)** Pre Bid Meeting in the Office of the EE, KNNL, HBC Division, Athani: **15-09-2025 at 11.00 AM. 4)** Last Date for Submission of Completed e-Tendering Documents: **from 09-09-2025 at 10.30 AM to 17-09-2025 upto 4.00 PM. 5)** Date of Opening of Technical Bid at EE, KNNL, HBC Division, Athani: **19-09-2025 at 11.00 AM. 6)** Date of Opening of Financial Bid at EE, KNNL, HBC Division: **22-09-2025 at 11.00 AM or After Approval of Technical Bid.**

Any other information can be had from the undersigned during the office hours on Telephone: **08289-251034** and H.P company helpline: **080-22485867.**

Sd/- Executive Engineer
KNNL, HBC Division, Athani.

DIPR/Belagavi/971/Adverto/2025-26

Government of Karnataka
Minor Irrigation and Ground water Development Division, Chitradurga

NO.EE/MI&GWD DIV/CTA/PB1/SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTIFICATION:09/2025-26/1451 DATE:06-09-2025

SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

K.W.- 3 & 4 (TWO COVER SYSTEM)

Item rate tender in Two cover system as per KTPP act-2000 with latest amendments is invited from the eligible contractors registered in KPWD (KW -3 & 4) **(Minimum amount put to Tender-Rs-40.19 Lakhs and Maximum amount put to Tender Rs-240.70 Lakhs) for the 11 works** through KPP-procurement portal.

Tender documents may be downloaded from KPPP-Portal website :https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in from **08-09-2025** Last Date & Time for enquiries about tender **18-09-2025 upto 5.30 P.M.,** Last Date for submission of Tenders **19-09-2025** upto **4.00 P.M.** Opening of Technical bid Date: **20-09-2025 after 04.30 P.M** (If possible). Opening of Finanical bid Date **22-09-2025 after 04.30 P.M** (If possible). Tenders may be submitted along with EMD and tender fee (Mode of payment should be online only as prescribed in website). Amount mentioned in KPPP-portal is final for the amount put to tender & the E.M.D. Additional Information regarding works may be obtained from the Division Office during office hours & from KPPP-Portal help desk No+91-8046010000+91-8068948777 & support@eprochelpdesk.com

DIPR/CTA/KSMCA/359/2025-26

Sd/- Executive Engineer, MI, Chitradurga

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
MINOR IRRIGATION & GROUND WATER DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation & Ground Water Development Division,Hassan

IFT No.16/2025-26, Dated: 04-09-2025

Short term tenders are invited from eligible Agencies in one & two cover system through KPP portal of GOK (website: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in) for Hassan and Chikmagaluru District works as per KW-1, 2, 3 maximum tender amount is Rs.80.70 lakhs & minimum tender amount is Rs.3.23 lakhs. The last date of receipt of tender is 12-09-2025 upto 5.30 PM hours. Further detail can be had from KPP-portal and the above office during office working hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, MI & GWD Division, Hassan.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
Office of the Executive Engineer,
Public Works Department Division Koppal.
Ph. : 08539 - 222318, E-mail : eepwdkpl2@gmail.com

IFT No. : P.W.D./D.K./D.B./KW-1, 2 3 & 4/2025-26/1996
Date : 06-09-2025

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT)

The Executive Engineer, Public Works Department Division Koppal invites tenders from the eligible tenderers as per Standard Bid Documents KW-1&4 on **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** Portal. **Head of Account : 3054-03-337-0-05-200 - SH Maintenance and 3054-04-337-0-10-200- MDR Maintenance / 2025-26.** Two Cover Tender procedure as per Rule 28 of the KTPP Act shall be followed. For more information the contractor can contact the under signed during office hours on **Phone No. : 08539 – 222318 and all information regarding tenders can be had from Website : http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.**

Total No of Works : 26 (Work Indent No. : 25077, 25889, 25736, 25745, 25757, 23624, 23605, 23610, 25246, 25047, 25230, 24896, 24937, 25058, 25130, 25908, 25664, 25699, 25715, 25721, 25731, 23581, 23589, 23594, 23599 & 25525). Last Date & Time for receipt of tenders : 17-09-2025 Time 16.00, Date and Time for Opening of Tenders : 18-09-2025 Time 16.30 (Sl.No. 1 to 8, 11, 16 to 21, 24 & 25). Date and Time for Opening of Technical Bid : 18-09-2025 Time 16.30 (Sl.No. 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 22, 23 and 26) and Date and Time for Opening of Financial Bid : 22-09-2025 Time 11.00 (Sl.No. 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 22, 23 and 26). Minimum & Maximum Estimate Amount Rs. 16.50 Lakhs & Rs. 345.00 Lakhs respectively. The Tender Documents can be Downloaded from the above Website address, EMD, Time for Tender Queries / Clarification, Date of Financial Bid Opening, Date & Other Information as Mentioned in KPPP Portal.

Note : A separate paper notification will not be issued in case of re-inviting of above mentioned tenders, any changes either in tender date or any other condition tenderers can view in **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in portal.**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, P.W.D., Division, Koppal.

DIPR/Koppal/325/Manipal/2025-26

Government of Karnataka Zilla Panchayat, Chitradurga
Office of the District Health and Family Welfare, Chitradurga.
ದೂ: ಸಂ: 08194–235464 ಇ–ಮೇಲ್: dhochitradurga@gmail.com
No.: Transportation: 37 : 2025-26 Date: 03.09.2025

Tender Notice (Only Through e-Procurement)

Competitive Tenders are invited in two cover system through e-procurement as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act -1999 and as per the later amendment Acts from Outsource Agencies registered in Labour Department for availing services of total 35 drivers for driving Ambulances and other types of vehicles available in various Health Centres in Chitradurga District for the year 2025-26.
Tender Number:-DHFWS/2025-26/SE1684
Name of Tender:-Procurement of 35 Ambulance & other vehicle Driver's service for various Health Institutions working under Dist. Health & F.W. officer, chitradurga in chitradurga District.
E.M.D. Amount in Rs.1,80,000/– Complete details and Tender Applications can be obtained from e-procurement website https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in it is informed to submit cost of Tender Form and E.M.D. in e-procurement portal.
(1) Commencement date for downloading blank Tender Applications from e-procurement portal 03.09.2025 **(2)** Last date and time for uploading filled Tenders in e-procurement portal 22.09.2025 up to 17:00 Hrs. **(3)** Date and time of opening the Technical Bid of filled Tenders 23.09.2025 after 17:01 Hrs. **(4)** Date and time of opening the Financial Bid of filled Tenders 24.09.2025 after 11:00 Hrs. Further information regarding the Tender can be obtained from the above Office and website https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

DIPR/CTA/KSMCA/333/2025-26

Sd/- District Health and Family Welfare Officer, Chitradurga.

Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Kolar Division, Kolar-563101
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website: www.kpwd.gov.in
e-portal: http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in
Phone No. 08152-222022

e-tender Notification – K.W 3
Tender notification No: 18/2025-26 Dt. 06.09.2025

Tender is invited through KPP Portal for works in the limits of Kolar Taluk, Kolar District Public Works Department from the PWD Registration Contractor For K.W 3 Work Under **H/A: 5054-MDR Improvements** Estimate Cost: 100.00 Lakhs EMD Amount is Mentioned in KPP Portal Period for completion of work: 06 months.

Eligible Contractors may download the tender documents K.W 3 from Karnataka State Procurement portal **(viz., htpp://kppp.karnataka.gov.in).** Filled in tenders shall be uploaded on or before 16.00 hours. **On 23.09.2025 through Karnataka State Procurement portal. Tender received will be opened after 16.30 hours on 24.09.2025 in KPP Portal.** Further details regarding the works and also for details about this tender notification please contact KPP portal and also you may contact this office during working hours.

Note: Any changes in this Notification will be published in KPP-portal only.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
PWD Division, Kolar

DIPR/KOLAR/RO:269/KSMCA/2025-26

Office of Deputy Commissioner, Chickaballapur District, Chickballapur
(District Urban Development Cell)
E-Mail :pdchikkaballapur@gmail.com Ph.:08156-277005

NO.DUDC/CBP(1)/Amruth-nagarothana-4/11/2025-26 Date:04.09.2025

SHORT TEREM TENDER NOTIFICATION

Executive Engineer, District urban development cell, Chikkaballapur invites Short term tenders from the eligible tenderers under Amrutha Nagarothana (Municipality)-4 , for the works detailed in the table below.

Sl. No	Name of Work	Estimated amount in Rs Lakhs	Amt put to tender in Rs Lakhs	Period of compl etion
1	**(1)** Construction of proposed samudaya Bhavana at ward No.8 **(2)** Construction of washfacility block **(3)** Construction of Handicapped toilets - a) BEO office enclosure at Kote circle b) Ulluru pete school enclosure c) Government high school enclosure d) PU college enclosure and Court enclosure in Sidlaghatta CMC under Amruth nagarothana (municipality)-4 **DMA/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT40653/Call-2**	151.46	127.94	6 months
2	Development works in layout School, Kote boys and Girls School and Ullurupete School in Sidlagatta town limits Under Amruth Nagarothana Phase-4 Sidlagatta CMC **DMA/2025-26/OW/ WORK_INDENT48762**	35.75	30.03	3 months
3	Drilling of Borewells and Installing necessary Motor Pumps for Borewell in Gauribidanur CMC Limits under amruth nagarothan (municipality)-4), chikkaballapura district **DMA/2025-26/WS/ WORK_INDENT48732**	105.76	84.71	3 months

Tender document procedure as per KTPP rules 2000 shall be followed. **(1)** Tender documents may be downloaded from Government of Karnataka e-procurement websites **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** and calendar of events as below. **(1)** Pre-bid meeting (Venue-DUDC office)**: 08.09.2025, 11:00 AM. (2)** Last date & Time for receipt of tenders: **12.09.2025, 05:30 PM. (3)** Date & Time for opening of Technical bid:**15.09.2025, 11:00 AM. (4)** Date & Time for opening of Financial bid: **16.09.2025, 11:00 AM or Later. (1)** Head of account: Amrutha Nagarothana (Municipality)-4. **(2)** Tenders must be electronically submitted in e-procurement portal. (3) Further information, if required, can be obtained from the office of the Executive Engineer, DUDC, FA-07, DC office complex, Chikkaballapur during working hours. Any change in calendar of events (if any) will be published in e-procurement portal only. No Paper notification will be given.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, District urban development cell, Chikkaballapur

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